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GOOD news for Dorchester drivers this week – the roadworks at Great Western Cross are expected to finish on time.

The bad news is that before it happens the busy junction will be completely closed on several nights.

Shortly after work will start on an improvement scheme at the bottom end of

South Street which will also result in closures and delays.

Night-time closures at Great Western Cross for the road to be re-surfaced will come into force from next Monday, April 10th up to, and including, Good Friday, April 14th at 7am.

Then, after a weekend break, the re-surfacing crews will be back in action

overnight between April 18th and 22nd.

For both periods the junction will be completely closed to traffic from 7pm until 7am.

Residents at blocks of flats facing onto the junction and homeowners in Great Western Road have been warned that they are likely to hear noise as the heavy machinery gets to work. If needed the works could continue beyond April 22nd, al-

though the county council says it should have the work finished on schedule.

Diversions will be put in place during the closures which will mean additional traffic for other roads.

Later works in the area will include upgrading signals at the Damers Road junction with Williams Avenue.

Motorists have learnt to live with a one-way section at Great Western Cross

since mid-January while engineers have been replacing traffic lights, resurfacing the area and installing new pedestrian crossings.

But as the works at the junction finish

the engineers will switch their attention to paving works at the bottom end of South Street – due to start on April 18th, followed a week later

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■ DORCHESTER'S Tourist Information point has opened at its new location – within the town library.

West Dorset District Council decided on the move despite thousands signing petitions to keep the service in Trinity Street. Councillors said they had to make the move to save money.

Now, for the first time, the TIC will be closed over the Easter weekend because the library will be shut.

Tourists' assistants Myles Provis and Janine Beale are pictured at the new tourist information desk within Dorchester Library on the first day of opening.

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OUR intrepid reporter Lottie Welch and local fundraiser Roz Copson are walking the coast path from Portland to West Bay over two days on April 22nd and 23rd. They are raising money for The Living Tree cancer support group and Fortuneswell Cancer Trust and would welcome any donation you could spare.

● WHY did you decide to do this?

Roz: I put my idea to Lottie before Christmas, originally for a scoop and almost in the same breath she wanted to do it with me. It then put it to the Living Tree because I wanted them to benefit as they are an amazing group of people.

Shortly afterwards I was asked by Jo O'Farrell and Jo Miller, co-founders of the Living Tree, if we would share the total amount with the Fortuneswell Unit in Dorset County Hospital – the new unit is hoped to be open this time next year if enough money can be raised. Every cancer patient in this area accesses the unit in one way or another.

Lottie: Roz told me about her idea to fundraise and I thought it would be a great way to raise funds for two local, deserving charities.

● HAVE you done anything like this before?

Roz: I have done various charity walks before, not quite as gruelling, but scenic. We are lucky to have this coast path to walk along and what better reason to do it than to raise money for a good cause.

Lottie: I have never done anything like this before and I don't think I have ever walked that many miles over two days. I don't think I know exactly what I have signed up to!

● WHAT training have you done in preparation?

Roz: The Living Tree member who has mapped out the route with her husband has been heavily involved in helping me to train by going over sections of the route from Portland Bill to West Bay pier in sections, also I have trained on the beach in West Bay where I live and walked on my own on a regular basis.

Lottie: I have been walking with friends and family and have even dragged my colleague James Coles on walks along the coast, including West Bay to Charmouth and Lyme Regis to Seaton.

● HOW much would you like to raise?

THE Living Tree members have suggested a target of £1,000 which we have never achieved before.


● HOW can people donate?

WE have a Just Giving page at www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Roz-Copson and there are also sponsorship forms at Bridport Medical Centre, the Ropemakers pub on West Street, the West Bay Hotel, Sammy G's in West Bay, Humberts estate agents on South Street, Bridport Tourist Information Centre and TSB on West Street.

● TELL us about the charities

THE Living Tree cancer support group, based in Bridport, offers friendship, creative activities and holistic therapies and relevant diet and lifestyle information for anyone with cancer.

The group offers support and helps people cope with the fear, anxiety, isolation or stress that cancer can bring by offering a chance to unwind and share laughter and coping strategies.

The Fortuneswell Cancer Trust works to improve the services to patients and staff of the cancer unit at Dorset County Hospital and elsewhere. It has made improvements to the facilities of the Fortuneswell Cancer Ward and Outpatients Chemotherapy Unit at DCH, funds projects which help cancer patients in the locality and offers financial assistance to nurses and medical staff to help them engage in research, study and education. Its long term aim is to further develop the dedicated cancer centre in DCH.

● WHY did you chose the coast path?

WE live on the doorstep of such a beautiful coast line, shared by locals and visitors from all over and why not enhance the comments that are made in the beauty of it.

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Council savings thanks to solar panels

SOLAR panels fitted to Dorset County Council buildings between 2012 and 2015 have delivered £77,500 in savings.

The 14 systems, which include County Hall, installed over this period have made carbon savings equivalent to taking 2,000 cars off the road.

Solar panels installed on the roof of County Hall, in the heart of Dorchester, were fitted 18 months ago, and provide power to some of the county council's 80-year-old headquarters. This has saved £1,650 on the electricity bill for the building and has generated a further £4,600 by supplying electricity to the national grid.

Mike Harries, director for environment and economy, said: "The initial outlay to fund the installation of the solar panels is starting to pay off. Not only will it help in the current financial climate, but it is also important for the council to use, where possible, renewable energy resources to help the environment and to boost this important and growing sector of the local economy."

The photovoltaic solar panels are expected to pay for themselves within 11 years.

Walk leaders needed

THE increasing popularity of Dorchester's Walking for Health group has led to a call for additional trained leaders.

Those who are interested in the voluntary posts are asked to contact the co-ordinator on Dorchester (01305) 263759 or to come out on one of the weekly walks.

Programmes can be obtained from Dorchester Tourist Information Centre within the town library, or by looking on www.walking-for-health.org.uk.



Lions support runner Debbie with fundraising

DORCHESTER Lions have donated £200 to Debbie Richardson's fundraising campaign to raise funds for research into Retinitis Pigmentosa (RP).

Debbie, from Dorchester, is planning a charity ride from London to Paris in May and is hoping local runners will support her appeal by raising money for the charity through the Lions 2k and 10k runs in the county town on May 14th.

Said Lion Andy Rose: "We were impressed with Debbie's drive

and enthusiasm to raise funds for RP. The club was delighted to make a donation to the appeal and wish her a safe and successful charity ride from London to Paris in May."

Debbie is keen to continue fundraising after her epic ride and she is pictured holding a poster promoting the Dorchester Lions fun runs.

For more details on the Lions 2k Fun Run or 10k go to www.lions-dorchester.org.uk and follow the links to 2k or 10k entry.

Walk to work and get fit

DORSET residents are being encouraged to join in National Walk to Work Day this Friday, April 7th.

The aim of the event is to encourage people to be mindful of their health and their carbon footprint. By occasionally walking to work it could help improve traffic congestion, parking, air quality, noise and the local economy.

Years of medical research has shown that walking is one of the best ways to stay healthy and keep your body in shape.

Wayne Sayers, sustainable transport manager at Dorset County Council, said: "Walking is an excellent way for people of all ages to build regular exercise into their daily routines. It can help to reduce stress, increase fitness, and best of all its free."

"On National Walk to Work Day, many individuals and workplaces across Dorset will be stepping up to the challenge. If you have a long commute, you could consider parking a 10 minute walk away from your workplace.

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Hospital cancer appeal reaches £1million mark



■ PATRICIA Miller (second from left) with staff and supporters at the Cancer Appeal thermometer

THE £1million mark has been reached for The Cancer Appeal at Dorset County Hospital.

Staff and key supporters gathered at the appeal thermometer in Dorchester to celebrate the milestone.

It follows recent donations, including £100,000 from the Dorset Health Trust.

The injection of cash leaves £750,000 to raise. DCH Charity's Head of Fundraising, Simon Pearson emphasised the need to maintain the Appeal's momentum to achieve its target.

He said: "We will continue to work hard, with the tremendous support of so many people and organisations, to secure the funds needed to provide world-class cancer care at Dorset County Hospital."

The appeal is funding a Cancer Outpatients Department, which is being built on top of the new Robert White Radiotherapy Unit under construction at the hospital.

The building site, opposite Sainsbury's on Bridport Road, has information panels explaining all about the project.

Other major donors include the Fortuneswell Cancer Trust, the Lawrence Werth Trust and the Ducks and Drakes Cancer Trust.

The Cancer Appeal is part of a major project bringing radiotherapy services to Dorchester for the first time. The £9.15million partnership with Poole Hospital became possible

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largely thanks to a generous donation from Poole businessman Robert White.

Fundraising for the appeal continues as hospital staff, local people and community groups organise a wide variety of events, challenges and activities.

The Friends of Dorset County Hospital are actively fundraising for the appeal as are a number of local companies including Jordan's Jewellers and Mayfair Properties.

One way to support the appeal is to join the charity's Walk for Wards event, which is taking place along Weymouth Seafront on Sunday, July 2nd.

The charity is encouraging individuals or those who would like to walk in a group to contact them and take part in this easy walking event.

Another way to help is to support the charity's Buy a Brick campaign - just text DCH44 £2 (or more) to 70070.

The charity wishes to extend its thanks to all those organisations and individuals who have helped get the appeal to the million pound mark - every pound and every penny brings the goal of helping all cancer patients and their families at Dorset County Hospital one step closer.

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Weymouth to star on the big screen at film festival

A WEYMOUTH coffee shop became a vibrant film set when it was used to stage scenes for the love story, *Croissants*.

The film was largely shot at Roger's Coffee Shop in St Thomas Street near Town Bridge with other scenes filmed at various locations including Weymouth seafront and Bowleaze.

The blockbuster-to-be is the work of film practice students from Southbank University in London, led and directed by Katie Saunders.

All students had to write a script and two – including Katie's script *Croissants* – were chosen to be filmed for two 15-minute films, one shot in Weymouth and one in London.

Both films will be premiered at a film festival later this year where they are hoped to generate enough money to help pay for a full-scale science fiction feature film next year.

Katie, who hopes to be a film director or writer said: "I wrote *Croissants* about two people who work in a coffee shop and who love each other but never say so. Then one day Charlie meets an old man who tells him about his love for his late wife and Charlie is encouraged to express his

feelings to Louise.

"We shot the coffee shop scenes by kind permission of Roger in his coffee shop with other scenes being filmed at the seafront and at Bowleaze Cove.

"We hope to show *Croissants* at the Encounters film festival in Bristol this September.

"I have also submitted my script to a director for a full length science fiction film about a genetically modified girl, which I hope will be filmed next year."

Roger Mortimer said: "When I was first approached about filming here I was very excited."

"We are not unknown as a haunt for 'celebrities' because we have had Sir David Attenborough in here several times for cappuccinos."

"What I was really happy about was being able to help students with their education along the road to what could become their chosen profession."

The coffee shop building adds "film set" to a chequered career, which has included it being a car accessories shop and even an ironmongers back in the early 1900s when it sold everything from paint to travelling trunks.



LONDON Southbank University students film scenes for *Croissants* at Roger's Coffee Shop in Weymouth



Lifeboat launch

WEYMOUTH'S all-weather lifeboat was launched on Sunday morning to go to the aid of a lone sailor on a 10-metre ketch which had broken down approximately 13 miles South of Portland Bill.

On arrival, the lifeboat crew established that the sailor was not injured before connecting a towline bringing the vessel back to Weymouth arriving at back at Weymouth Harbour just after 1am on Monday, April 3rd.

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Prisoners jailed for 'violent' attack on inmate

TWO prisoners have received jail sentences for a "violent" attack on a fellow inmate.

Ashley Quelch, 20, was sentenced to four years in prison with an extended licence period of a further three years, at Bournemouth Crown Court last month after admitting inflicting grievous bodily harm with intent.

His co-defendant, Kalum Goodall, 20, was convicted of the same offence following a trial and was

jailed for six years.

The court was told that the victim in the case, who, like the defendants, was an inmate at HMP/YOI Portland, left his cell at around 9am on Saturday, April 2nd 2016 and went to the shower block.

His next recollection was waking up in hospital with extreme pain to the side of his face.

The latter part of the assault was witnessed by a prison officer, who saw the victim being kicked,

punched and stamped upon to the upper body and head while lying on the ground.

The prison officer alerted colleagues and the defendants were traced and identified.

The victim was rendered unconscious during the assault and suffered significant memory and blood loss as well as a broken nose and injuries to his face, neck and chest.

Inspector Tony Burden, of Dorset

Police, said: "This was a particularly violent attack that continued while the victim was lying defenceless on the ground.

"I hope the sentences imposed will send out a strong message that this kind of behaviour will not be tolerated.

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There will be cakes, savouries and preserves as well as eggs and fresh produce and a wide variety of crafts, cards and jewellery.

It is also the time of year for buying plants and there will be plenty on sale to interest gardeners while there will also be Traidcraft and refreshments.

The last market raised £124 for chosen charities and this time fundraising will be for Chasing The Stigma, a mental health charity which aims to normalise and humanise mental illness. Funds will also be raised for St Andrew's Church, Preston.

Entry to the market is free but donations to the named charities would be much appreciated.

Summer opening

DORSET household recycling centres have returned to summer opening hours.

It will mean residents being able to visit their local household recycling centre (HRC) daily from 9am until 6pm.

Entry is still free of charge, with the vast majority of items still free to drop-off.

The household recycling centre summer opening hours will remain in place until Sunday, October 1st, when they will change to 10am to 4pm daily for the winter period.

Lions cheque

DORCHESTER Lions and the town's sport centre have presented £1,000 to the Dorset branch of MIND, the mental health charity.

The cheque was presented at the Coburg Road Sports Centre last Thursday.

The money was raised from a January fun swim event when 1610, which runs Dorchester Sports Centre, joined forces with the Lions to organise the event.

Thunderbolt hits the waves again

A LABOUR of love has seen one of the last remaining classic speedboats in Britain restored to her former glory and once more working the waters around the Jurassic Coast.

Thunderbolt was one of only a handful of these classic craft designed and built in Looe, Cornwall, by Gerald Pearn in the 1960s. She was one of four which plied the holiday trade, operating short trips around the bay, before being sold on and operated in Weymouth until 2013.

When 66-year old David Rider spotted her looking tired and neglected and laid up ashore in West Bay Dorset, in May 2015, it rekindled a love affair stretching back to his childhood.

"My parents holidayed in Looe before buying a pub there in 1969 and I remember the boats as a child growing up in the '50s and '60s," said David, from Nyland, near Gillingham, Dorset.

"I was always drawn to their elegant sleek looks; the idea of owning and operating one always appealed."

"The boats are all but gone now, the passing of an era in Looe. You would have to go to the South of France or Italian Lakes to find anything of a similar calibre."

David decided he could combine restoring



Thunderbolt with his job as a part-time facilities manager in the city.

That meant working on the boat solidly from Thursday to Sunday, before donning his suit and tie Monday morning for the 'day' job!

"The engine and the wooden deck were both in good condition - had they not been, I wouldn't have bought her, as it most certainly wouldn't have been cost effective," he said.

"However, my plans to get her in the water last summer were seriously scuppered when I realised the extent of the neglect."

It soon became apparent that all of the interior - seating, flooring, panelling - all had to be replaced.

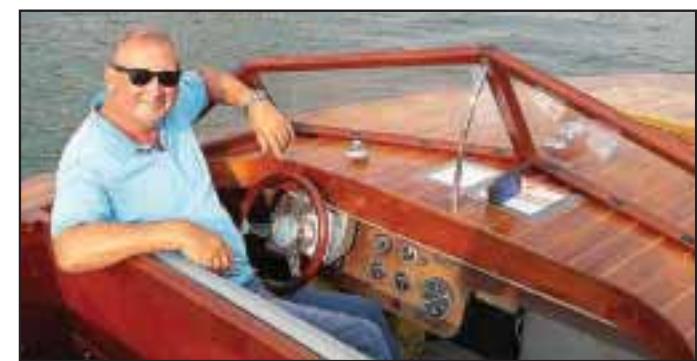
"As with many restoration projects, it was a voyage of discovery and the job had to be done properly," said David.

"This meant redesigning and making most of the replacements - long hours of woodworking, stripping, varnishing and painting in a friend's barn.

"I realised my original deadline of April 2016 was slipping and, even with some additional help, it was end of June before she was completed, ready to lift back on to a trailer and launch in Weymouth."

David also knew that new safety standards for commercial operation had come into force - one of the reasons for the previous owner selling - and therefore had to be incorporated as the project progressed.

Eight months of blood, sweat and tears passed in order to get the 25-foot vessel licked into shape and last July she was finally certified for



commercial operation by the MCA - sadly, too late for most of the 2016 season.

Thunderbolt will be back in the water this Easter, and raring to go.

David is offering a range of trips and charters - hourly, half day and day - as well as evening and lunchtime trips to local waterside restaurants, plus tailor-made picnic and swimming trips for families or corporate clients.

David is a qualified Ocean Yacht-master endorsed to operate as a commercial skipper - and his local knowledge of the Jurassic Coast will also be a bonus to trippers.

"There are very few boats like this in the UK so hopefully will appeal to locals and visitors alike," he said.

"We want to offer not just the short 'seaside trips' but also bespoke bookings of longer duration."

David has been sailing from the age of five and has restored other boats previously - although never a speedboat.

He said: "I have sailed thousands of miles over the years and owned yachts since about 1980. However, a power boat had never been on the agenda until now."

For further details about Thunderbolt, visit www.thunderbolt-classic.com

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Out of this world!



CLAUDIA Moore scans the skies guided by John Macdonald

WEYMOUTH Astronomy Club has boldly gone where no-one has gone before by holding the town's first ever official Stargazing Live event.

The night-time spectacular, which attracted nearly 80 people, was jointly staged by the club and the Friends of Sandsfoot Castle and the Rodwell Trail in the grounds of the castle.

Friends chairman Claudia Moore said: "Our first attempt earlier in March was rained off but our second was a clear success.

"We saw Jupiter, the tail end of Orion, Sirius the Dog

Star and the Twins, Castor and Pollux."

Club chairman John Macdonald said: "We were invited by the friends to hold a Stargazing Live event.

"We hope those who attended gained an introduction to astronomy despite the borderline conditions caused by some cloud and light pollution.

"We also made a collection on the night in aid of the Campaign For Dark Skies which seeks to promote sensible street lighting and which advertises those areas of the country which are suitably dark, the nearest to here

being Cranborne Chase."

Those attending the event used telescopes and binoculars to scan the early spring southern skies.

Claudia said: "The club also kindly staged a series of talks on what could be seen in the night sky in the four seasons of the year.

"They also gave a talk on the moon and what can be seen with large domed telescopes on mountain tops."

John said: "We hope to hold another Stargazing Live in the autumn or winter to give watchers a different set of things to look at, possibly including meteors."

Bikers coastal ride for charity

HUNDREDS of bikers rode out from Weymouth to Exmouth on Sunday to raise money for an addiction charity.

The group left South Coast Motorcycles on the Granby and headed west along the coast road to raise funds for Clouds House treatment centre.

Last year more than £3,000 was raised in sponsorship and donations. Organisers are hoping for more from this year's event.

Ride t-shirts and badges were on sale to those taking part to help boost the income from the event, with sponsorship helping defray organisational costs.

The event was started by John Bramble from Chickerell who lost his son, Craig, to



solvent abuse.

Pictured are the bikes lined up for the start of the charity ride from Weymouth to Exmouth on Sunday.

Museum Makers perform new production

A GROUP for adults with learning disabilities will be presenting their latest production, *I left it on the train*, at the Dorset County Museum this week.

Directed by Tim Laycock and backed by the New Thomas Hardy Players, the hour-long show will be followed by a cheque presentation to help support the work of the group.

The Museum Makers meet at the museum, usually weekly, during term time working with the education team, specialist carers, artists and performers to prepare temporary exhibitions of their own creative art. They use IT, photography and filming to record events, go on visits to relevant sites to collect further information and use the museum as a place for inspiration.

Over the past few years the group has curated an exhibition called *Me, Myself and I*, which looked at self-identity and where we come from, and included 3D self-portraits and photography.

They also created a multi-media display based on the portrait of Thomas Rackett, and produced a dramatisation of Thomas Hardy's *The Withered Arm*, working with New Hardy Players. To mark the Olympic Games in 2012 they staged a performance of *The Hare and the Tortoise*.

In addition to support from the New Hardy Players, the group is also supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund, Mencap and Dorset County Museum.

Free tickets for the production, on Thursday, April 8th, 6.30pm, are available from the museum.

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Information and Advice volunteers interview clients, identify and research information, act on the clients' behalf, and help with letter writing; undertaking diagnosis, providing information with options and identifying action.

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Film screening

DORCHESTER'S Age UK Evergreen Cinema will be going will be showing John Wayne's 1960 'North to Alaska' on Wednesday 12th April 2017.

Set at the turn of the 20th century at the height of the Alaskan gold rush, 'North to Alaska' was a great opportunity for Wayne to show off his flair for comedy. The film was a massive box office hit, with a strong supporting cast including Britain's own Stewart Granger, teen idol Fabian and French beauty Capucine.

The cinema lights at Prince of Wales Road will dim at 1.45pm, tea and biscuits will be served during the showing, and ice creams will also be available.



FROM left Chris Owens (Weldmar Hospicecare's Complementary Therapy Co-ordinator) Holly Aiken (Owner of House of Health and Beauty), Jonathon Panton (Weldmar's Business Fundraising Manager) and Jo Sharkey (Weldmar's Children's Support Worker)

Beauty business gives back for anniversary celebrations

DORCHESTER'S House of Health & Beauty is celebrating 20-years in business by supporting Weldmar Hospicecare.

On Thursday, April 13th, there will be an Easter event for children who are, and have been supported by Jo Sharkey, Weldmar's Children's Support Worker. During the afternoon, family members will be invited to have a treatment at the House of Health and Beauty free of charge.

Said Jo Sharkey: "It is vital to

recognise and work holistically with the whole family, as each person has individual needs at different times and different stages. It will be of great benefit for the adults to have some time for self, whilst the younger members of their family are at Weldmar."

Holly Aiken, owner of House of Health and Beauty said: "My inspiration has always been my lovely Dad who sadly passed away 12-years-ago. He set up his own business from

nothing, starting small and working very hard to achieve a very successful, respected business. I have always been very proud of him and learnt an awful lot about running a business from him. He believed in me and my business plan and was always incredibly supportive, I know he would be so proud that 20-years on House of Health and Beauty is still going strong."

More information available at www.houseofhealthandbeauty.co.uk

Busy year for band

DORCHESTER'S Durnovaria Silver Band is looking forward to a busy year of engagements.

Members will be taking part in several local events and will also be taking part in the national Brass FestUK event in July.

The event will include performance across the country on the weekend of July 7-9th to promote brass bands. Locally the Silver Band will be playing in the Borough Gardens on Friday 7th from 6.8pm..

Other local performances include St George's Fair on April 22nd, the Race for Life at Kingston Maurward on May 21st; Armed Forces Day in the Borough Gardens on July 1st and a series of village fetes throughout the summer months.

The full band programme, to date, can be viewed at -

<http://www.durnovaria-silver-band.co.uk/app/download/5687825/events-list+2017e.pdf>

Cliff rescue

WEYMOUTH'S Inshore lifeboat was launched on Saturday afternoon after reports that two para-gliders had crashed landed on Middle Bottom, an isolated beach near to Bats Head.

But when the lifeboat arrived it was established that the para-gliders were safe and well.

With a two metre swell and underwater rocks in the area it was decided not to attempt to take them from the beach and a combined coastguard cliff rescue team from Wyke, Lulworth and Kimmeridge helped the para-gliders up the cliff face to safety.



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It's a family affair

IT'S a family affair – relatives of Weldmar Hospicecare's Matt Smith baked and sold cakes in South Street on Saturday to raise money for his £10,000 appeal for the service.

Matt himself had risen in the early hours to complete a 22-mile training run ready for one of his forthcoming challenges, running the London Marathon.

He stayed up to help put up the stall but then went home to soak his aching legs.

On Sunday the intrepid fund-raiser was back

in action again, abseiling down the Spinnaker Tower in Portsmouth.

Matt is completing 10 challenges during the year to raise £10,000 for the charity where he has worked for 10 years. His first challenge was swimming with sharks at the Weymouth Sealife Centre.

Pictured at the South Street stall, from the back, is Matt's wife Charlotte, aunt Caroline Pitcher, Nan Sheila Fielding and aunt Linda Atkinson.

Matt scales new heights for charity challenge

WELDMAR'S Fundraising Manager managed a "look no hands" pose as he abseiled down Portsmouth's Spinnaker Tower on Sunday.

Matt Smith was joined on the 100-metre sponsored event by two supporters, Steph Addison and Bill Pitcher who also took to the iconic landmark to help raise money for Weldmar Hospice-care.

After a safety briefing and literally being shown the ropes, it was time to leap off the ledge of the building, dangling 100 metres from the ground.

"As we got further down we could hear the cheers and encouragement from the supporters below before safely touching back onto the floor and receiving our medals," said Matt.

This was the second challenge as part of Matt's Colossal 10, ten challenges that the Head of Fundraising is completing throughout 2017 to celebrate 10 years of working for Weldmar. So far more than £1,000 has been raised through Matt's Justgiving page which is www.justgiving.com/colossal10

Matt's third challenge is the London Marathon in less than three weeks where he will take on the gruelling 26.2 miles with a team of other Weldmar runners.



LOOK, no hands! Matt Smith hangs off the side of Portsmouth's Spinnaker Tower

Other challenges planned include skydiving, wing-walking, a three peaks challenge and a 175 mile cycle challenge. Matt is looking for people to take part in the challenges with him. To find out more visit www.weld-hospice.org.uk/colossal10

Matt said: "I would like to thank everyone who has already supported my ten challenges by either sponsoring or taking part."

"All of the money that we raise will go towards funding the high quality care, love and support that Weldmar provides to patients across Dorset."

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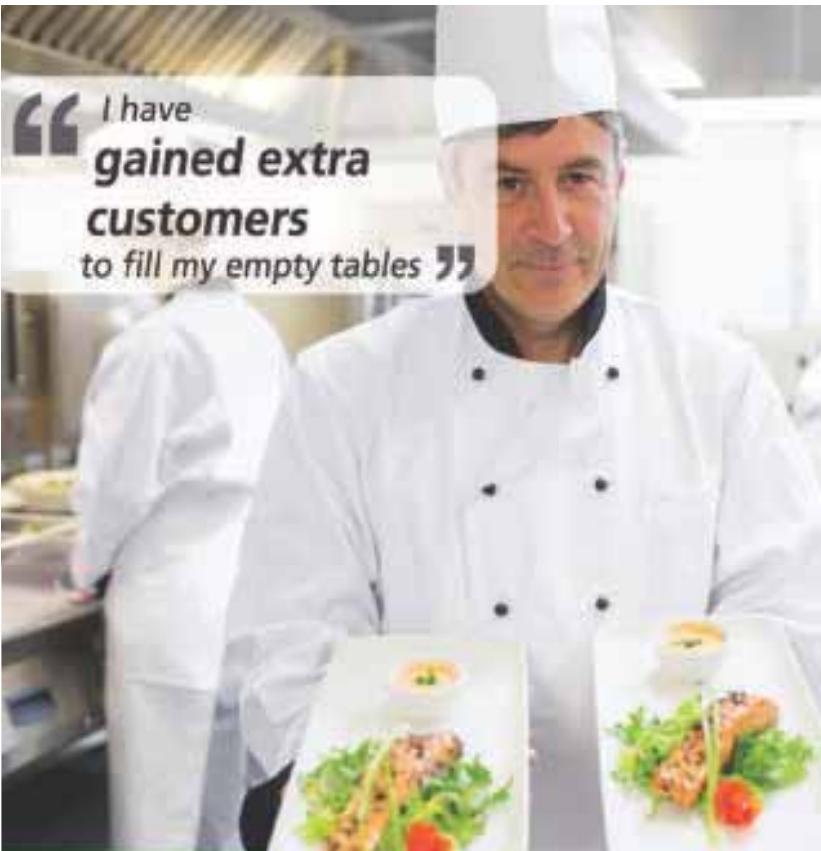
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■ LOCAL Coeliac UK group members Maureen Bond (front) and Sylvia Dennett with some of the foods which can now be bought gluten free



Tasty treats on offer at first gluten free fair

DORCHESTER'S first gluten free food fair attracted hundreds of people to the Corn Exchange on Saturday.

And for those who went along there was plenty of food to sample with tea and coffee included in the admission charge.

While many were trying the samples on offer many were also using the occasion to ask questions and pick up leaflets from Coeliac UK.

One of the local group members Maureen Bond said she was not surprised at the numbers attending: "It affects one in a hundred people," she said.

Main organiser of the event Mrs Sylvia Dennett was first diagnosed with coeliac disease 30 years ago after being ill for 13 years. She said

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that diagnosis is now simpler and quicker with a blood test which can be carried out by a GP.

Those who have it have to become totally gluten free, or face being ill, but as the Dorchester event showed there are now many producers offering a wide range of foods which are made without gluten.

The symptoms can vary from person to person but can include feeling bloated, diarrhoea, nausea, wind, constipation, tiredness, weight loss, and for some hair loss and anaemia. A type of dermatitis is also common for those who suffer.



■ STALLS at Dorchester's first gluten free food fair on Saturday

County show tickets on sale

TICKETS have gone on sale for this September's Dorset County Show.

The two day show will take place on September 2nd and 3rd at the Cokers Frome Showground on the outskirts of Dorchester.

The £12 early bird rate for adults is available until July

31st when prices will rise to £14. Children under 16 can enter for free, accompanied by a paying adult.

Wakely Cox, Chairman of the Dorchester Agricultural Society, said the show would be a celebration of agriculture, food and rural life.

"We will be intro-

ducing new horse and sheep classes, including the introduction of new breeds being exhibited at the Show for the first time.

"We have had lots of bookings for trade stands including those in our food halls and craft marquee and are adding some intermediate horticulture classes –

bridging the gap between novice and open classes," he said.

Advance tickets are available online from the Dorset County Show website <https://dorsetcountyshow.ticketsrv.co.uk>.

From mid-July they will also be available from Tourist Information Centres across the county.

Daffodils delight at spring show

HUNDREDS attended Dorchester Agricultural Society's annual third spring show at Sunninghill School, on Sunday.

Exhibits ranged from succulents and cacti to delicate daffodils and tulips, along with tasty cakes in the cookery classes and vivid wildlife photographs.

Leading national cactus grower David Ennals, from Toller Porcorum, took the top two awards in the British Cactus and Succulent Society's sponsored classes. David said he was pleased with the 47 exhibits in the classes, adding there had been an excellent turn-out in the junior classes.

First-time exhibitor Charlie Pitcher had an early birthday present when he was awarded a bronze medal for his cactus entry. Charlie, who turned 14 on Monday, was over the moon with his award.

Former Dorchester Agricultural Society president Ray Hayward was delighted when his Disquiet variety of Yellow Trumpet daffodils took the Best Bloom award. Ray, from Milborne St Andrew, said the winning flower had been planted in September, plunged in peat during the winter months to keep it frost free and then removed in February.

A keen exhibitor, Ray is a regular on the Dorset show circuit, recently exhibiting at Upwey and is planning to show at Wimborne next week before going on to the regional Westsex Group Show in Bristol.

"The daffodil show season is quite short – running from mid-March to mid-April – so you have to make the most of it," he said.

The top flower award went to Derek Phillips, winning the Daffodil Championship for the third time in succession. The award is based around nine varieties, but this is nothing for Derek who has been growing 70 varieties since he began exhibiting in 1985.

Derek, from Peasdown St John, near Bath, Somerset, regularly judges events around the country, including the prestigious Royal Horti-



CHARLIE Pitcher, 14, won a bronze medal for his cacti from the British Cactus and Succulent Society. He is with the Dorchester Agricultural Society president John Chilcott

cultural Show at Wisley. He said the trick to his success was concentrating on each exhibit: "You don't want to think about the nine vases – the exhibit has to be an exhibit in its own right. It has to have all the right colours."

Leading national cactus grower David Ennals, from Toller Porcorum, took the top two awards in the British Cactus and Succulent Society's sponsored classes.



RAY Hayward from Milborne St Andrew took the honours with the Best Bloom

Talk on Roman glass

A TALK about Roman glass takes place at the County Museum this Friday, April 7th at 7.30pm.

Dr Denise Allen will explain how the Romans exploited its properties to the full, used it in all sorts of ways, and introduced it to all corners of the Mediterranean world.

Denise Allen began working life as an excavating archaeologist, completed a PhD in Roman Glass at Cardiff University in 1983 and has continued with the specialism ever since. She is Honorary Secretary of the Association for the History of Glass. She was Director of Andante Travels for 17 years, organising archaeological tours all around the world, and led many tours herself. Last year she left the office, moved to Exeter and now works as a freelance guide and lecturer.

The talk is free although a donation of £3 is encouraged to cover costs.

Doors will be open at 7pm with the museum café open.

Easter story exhibition

AN interactive exhibition telling the Easter Story will be open at the United Church, South Street, Dorchester between April 10th and 15th.

Organisers says the "Journey to the Empty Tomb" will give visitors the chance to reflect on the true meaning of Easter

It will be open on Monday April 10th April to Thursday 13th 11am -3pm; Good Friday 11am to 7pm and Saturday 15th 11-3pm.

Van on fire?

DRIVERS and pedestrians were left gasping last week in Alington Road, Dorchester, at what at first appeared to be a van on fire.

The Tuesday incident, at around 4pm, was a case of "diesel engine runaway" creating a huge amount of smoke with the engine racing for about five minutes until it eventually, and literally, ground itself to a halt.

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Students scale new heights with Duke of Edinburgh Award

RECORD numbers of students and former students at the Wey Valley School have taken up the gruelling challenge of completing the Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award.

The popular award is undertaken by millions of young people in the UK, which pushes their personal boundaries, gaining new skills and enhancing their CVs and university applications. The Wey Valley School has been a strong advocate towards the Duke of Edinburgh Award, with this being the 22nd year that students at the Weymouth School have taken part.

Mark Salmon, PE teacher and Outdoor Education leader at Wey Valley said: "Year 11 students are just completing the Silver DOE Award which consist of volunteering, physical elements, skill and an expedition section.

"Our students have volunteered within the community for at least six months and may have given more than 25 hours and many will continue to volunteer after the award this summer."

Mr Salmon added: "The student group that has just completed the Silver Award have recently returned from an expedition in the Quantock Hills in Somerset.

"Students have been training since September and this follows the majority completing the Bronze Award. The expedition involved three days working in small teams working independently of the staff; key skills included problem solving, campcraft, navigation skills, cooking, emergency drills, first aid training and of course team work!"

Tommy Lockwood in Year 11 thoroughly enjoyed the expedition, and said: "The three day

expedition was fantastic with lots of teamwork and applying new skills out in the wild. The weather was good too which helped."

Holly Anderson, also in Year 11, added: "We have all carried out various volunteering roles over the last six months, which forms part of the award. I am really keen to pursue the Gold Award next year, as are a good number of Wey Valley students with a possible Canada expedition on the cards."

Mr Salmon said he was really pleased with all students on the trip.

"They were outstanding in every respect. They performed to a very high standard and my colleagues and I are really proud of their endeavours and volunteering to date – our Duke of Edinburgh students are and will be great ambassadors and role models for our younger students as we look to enrol more students onto the award next year," he said.

Previous Duke of Edinburgh participants have gone onto to work in a wide range of careers including Craig Burton who now co-owns Ski Solutions, Maddi House Head of DOE at The Studio School and Melissa Power who is the Head of Geography and DOE at a local school in Poole.

Sara Adams, Principal at the Wey Valley School, paid tribute to staff and students for their dedication towards this valued award.

"I would like to thank Mr Salmon and the team and also congratulate former students, Tom Edgeley, Eleanor Mason, Cara Jones, Robert Biggs, Carl Wood and Elliott Dodds who have completed the Gold Duke of Edinburgh level this year and will be off to St James Palace to be awarded," she said.





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THE DORCHESTER DISABLED CLUB MINI BUS FUND

THE Dorchester Disabled Club has 32 members who meet on the first and third Thursday in each month at the Day Centre, Acland Road, Dorchester. The club have speakers, musical evenings and outings, and the club's sole aim is to get members out of their housebound environment and to that end, they must have a well-maintained minibus. The club is lucky enough to have good volunteer drivers who are happy to use the buses for other clubs in addition to the Dorchester Disabled Club's members. Consequently, the buses are used by Dorchester Strike Club, Dorset Blind Association, all the Magna flats in Dorchester and Charlminster, Whetstones, and several care homes.

When the club bought their last vehicle in 2013, the intention was to replace the bus bought in 2000, but the club's drivers suggested that if they keep both buses they would be able to do a door-to-door shopping service for elderly people in the outlying villages of Owermoigne, Broadmayne, Puddletown and Maiden Newton, who were unable to carry shopping from the bus stop. The club have done this and the villagers are very grateful for the shopping service.

However, the 17 year old bus is now costing a great deal to maintain, and is why the club need to replace it!

The club have almost reached the target of £54,000 required to buy the new vehicle, and are hosting that the proceeds of this concert, together with the money raised by the sponsored runner in the Dorchester Marathon in May will get the club to their target, so that they can place an order and continue to help the disabled and elderly in the area. Any money raised over the £54,000 target will go towards insuring and maintaining the vehicle.



▼ Lions help the Dorchester Disabled club with their donation back in January 2017.



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ABOUT THE HMS HERON VOLUNTEER BAND:

THE Royal Navy currently has five Royal Marine Bands and another nine volunteer bands. Tonight you will be listening to HMS Heron band, which is based at the Royal Navy Air Station near Yeovilton. The band comprises serving military and civilian personnel from various locations in Somerset and neighbouring counties. The band's primary role is to provide music for ceremonial and social occasions in and around the air station. This busy volunteer band enjoys a full engagement diary performing at various engagements throughout the year, ranging from background music for dinners, to big concerts such as the one undertaken each year at the Fleet Air Arm Museum.

BdSgt Tom Griffing BMus(Hons) LRSM

After gaining his GCSEs, Tom joined the Royal Marines Band Service as a Solo Clarinettist in 2003.

On successful completion of training, Tom joined the RM Band at the Commando Training Centre Royal Marines in Lympstone, Devon. During the subsequent years, Tom visited the USA, Dubai, Switzerland, Holland, France and Jersey and he also took part in Exercise Longlook in 2008, which is an exchange programme with the Australian and New Zealand Defence Forces. Tom replaced a clarinettist in the Royal New Zealand Navy Band for four months which he says was a very enjoyable experience.

After successfully completing the Junior Command Course, spending a short time in Plymouth Band and finishing his BMus(Hons) degree, Tom deployed to Afghanistan on Op Herrick 14 in support of UKMEDGP. He was tasked with sharing his time between assisting hospital staff with their IT issues and manning the radios in the hospital's Ops room in order to receive casualty updates. He also received casualties from incoming aircraft as a driver with the Ambulance Response Troop and the deployed musicians often helped boost morale with impromptu performances.

Tom was selected to attend the Royal Marines Bandmasters' course which he passed successfully in April 2016 whilst being awarded the LRSM in Mu-



2017 will be HMS Heron Volunteer Band's 3rd time in Dorchester, every year has been sold out. This photo shows their first time performing at *The Last Night of the Proms*.

sical Direction. After a short stint back in a band, Tom was appointed as the Band master HMS Heron Volunteer Band and he looks forward to spending the next couple of years in that role. Tom was simultaneously awarded the Bob Harding Bursary Award for Young Conductors and is subsequently the assistant conductor of the Havant Symphony Orchestra for the 2016/17 season.

Tom lives with his wife Emma and their crazy cocker spaniel, Bailey. He likes to think of himself as an amateur barista, and enjoys running and cycling.

MEET THE GUEST SOLOIST OF THE NIGHT: ANNA-MARIA GEARE

"SINGING became my musical instrument of choice, having persuaded my piano teacher to teach me singing instead!"

"Following principal roles in Weymouth Grammar School's Gilbert & Sullivan productions, I've enjoyed performing both principal and chorus roles in many Societies including Weymouth and Taunton Operatic Societies, Somerset and Dorset Chamber Operas, as well as soloist for Casterbridge Male Voice Choir and Bridport Choral Society. I am also enjoying making melodious four-part harmony sounds with the Decadettes at events and weddings locally."



PROGRAMME OF MUSIC:

Opener - **Adventure of a Lifetime** - Bergerson

Drum Feature - **Endeavour** - Griffin

Army of the Nile - Alford

Overture - **Hunting Wabbits 2** - Goodwin

Solo - **Clarinet Concerto, 2nd Movement** - Ellerby

Soloist: Liz Hughes

Solo - **On the Track** - Simpson

Soloist: Katie Rudd

Selection - **Mary Poppins** - arr. Kostal

- INTERVAL -

Film - **How to Train Your Dragon** - Powell

Musical Setting - **Hyken Serenade** - arr. Griffin

Solo - **Shackleton's Cross** - arr. Griffin

Soloist: Gary Mills

Finale - **Fantasia on British Sea Songs** - Wood

Hymn - **Jerusalem** - Parry

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Easter celebrations

DETAILS have been released of Easter celebrations at St Paul's Church in Abbotsbury Road, Weymouth.

On Palm Sunday, April 9th, everyone will meet at 10am at Beechcroft St Paul's School for Blessing of Palms and a procession before the Parish Eucharist in church.

On Maundy Thursday, April 13th at 7.30pm there will be a Mass of the Lord's Supper while on Good Friday, April 14th, at 10.30am there will be a children's event and hot cross buns followed by a 2pm service of the Passion and Death of our Lord.

Finally on Easter Day, Sunday April 16th at 7am there will be an Easter Bonfire, Vigil and the First Mass of Easter breakfast followed by the Parish Eucharist at 10.30am.

Library events

WEYMOUTH Library is going to busy with a number of events in May.

A free Knit-and-Natter event will be held from 10.30am-noon on Tuesday, May 2nd and again on May 16th at the library. There will also be a coffee morning with the events for 50 pence.

Bob Sharpe will be giving a talk on Crime Writing on Saturday, May 20th, at 10.30am in the library. All are welcome to the Friends of Weymouth Library (FOWL) event which will cost non-members £3. A place can be reserved at the Library desk or by ringing 01305-832613.

Finally it is free entry to another FOWL event on Thursday, May 18th, when Anne Cleveland gives a Reminiscences talk at 2.30pm in the library. All are welcome and places can be reserved at the desk or the above number.

Theft on the rise

UP TO 150 cases of theft from shops are now being reported each month in Dorchester.

Sergeant Ged Want of the Dorchester Neighbourhood Police Team has told town councillors that while overall crime levels were down, cases of anti-social behaviour had increased with shop lifting at between 100 and 150 incidents each month.

Is your garden wildlife friendly?

ENTRIES are being invited to the 2017 Wildlife Friendly Gardening Competition, sponsored by the Gardens Group.

Organised by the Dorset Wildlife Trust the competition, now in its eighth year, is free to enter and is suitable for private gardeners, schools, housing associations, formal and informal community groups. A new category has also been added to allow those in rented properties to take part.

Applications can be submitted online, where entrants can submit photos to show how much effort has gone into creating wildlife friendly habitats in their garden. Features include bug hotels, bird boxes, ponds, or simply a space left 'wild' for wildlife to make their homes in.

DWT's Community Conservation Officer, Briony Baxter said: "One of the highlights of the year is visiting the gardens that have entered the competition as it's very heartening to see so many people including wildlife friendly features of all shapes and sizes. More than ever, our wildlife is depending on gardens for food and shelter, so what you do in your garden really matters. This fun competition is for anyone who has an interest in gardening or wildlife and you definitely don't have to be an expert gar-



dener with a tidy garden to enter. If you've recently become interested in encouraging wildlife and you would like to know more, you can pick the brains of the experts

who come to see your garden. Everyone who enters will also receive a free DWT wildlife friendly garden plaque to display proudly."

The Gardens Group, who have sponsored the competition for the last eight years is celebrating their 30th Anniversary this year. Mike Burks, managing director of The Gar-

dens Group, said: "Each year the bar is raised, as previous entrants use the judges' feedback to make improvements that mean their gardens are even more wildlife

friendly. We also see many new entrants each year, as more people continue to become inspired by how much they can do to help protect our wildlife. The competition is all about encouraging everyone to do their best to nurture wildlife in their gardens, no matter how large or small, and I take great pleasure in seeing how much impact our wildlife friendly gardeners are having."

Prizes include wildlife garden products, gardening books, vouchers and a winners' plaque. The closing date for applications is May 26th. Visit www.dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk/wfgc to enter.

TOP: Previous Wildlife Friendly Gardening competition winner (Photo by Katie Wilkinson); **Bottom left:** bumblebee on flower (Photo by Ken Dolbear MBE) **Bottom right:** previous Wildlife Friendly Gardening competition winner (photo by Briony Baxter)



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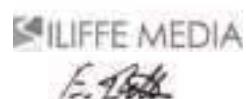
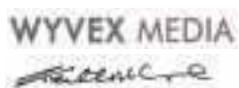
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It is also possible to vote by proxy, where somebody will vote on your behalf. Anyone who wishes to vote by proxy and has not done so before must ensure their application is received by 5pm on Tuesday, April 25th.

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By-elections will take place in Weymouth's Westham East Ward, where a new member of Weymouth & Portland Borough Council will be chosen, as well in Lyme Regis (for the town council) and the Bridport South Ward of Bridport Town Council.

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Fire service authority looks back on first year

AS THE first anniversary of Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority approaches, elected members have been reflecting on the past 12 months.

In particular, they have been considering how the new combined organisation might further strengthen its current arrangements to provide a more effective and efficient service for the communities it serves.

The authority – which came into being in April 2016 – is Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service's governing body, comprising elected members from the five constituent authorities of Bournemouth Borough Council, Dorset County Council, Borough of Poole Council, Swindon Borough Council and Wiltshire Council.

There are currently 30 elected members, and this number was debated at a meeting last month, where it was agreed to recommend – following discussion with the constituent authority leaders – to reduce this to 18, which maintains equal representation across the constituent councils.

The chairman of the fire authority, Cllr Rebecca Knox, said: "We had a really constructive discussion in reaching this recommendation, to ensure that community representation remains at the heart of our vision for the future.

"We are all very proud of the change we have led on to achieve a sustainable organisation and we need to continue to take account of some fundamental challenges the service has, with an emphasis on finance and our commitment to prevention and protection.

"It is really important that our primary constituent authorities have a say on the direction to reduce the authority's number so, between now and September, we will consult with them and their views will be fully considered before a final decision is made in the autumn."

At the same meeting, members considered an update report on the national independent review of conditions of service for fire and rescue staff in England.

This will be debated in more detail in June, but work is underway to strengthen existing governance arrangements to make sure there is sufficient member engagement and scrutiny going forwards.

Cllr Knox said: "As an authority, we are absolutely committed to equality and diversity within the service and, as elected members, we can work together and with others to ensure that our staff are supported.

"Many of the recommendations within the national review have either been adopted already in Dorset and Wiltshire, or are planned for the coming years, and we will continue to do all we can to help our staff in all parts of the service."

Chief Fire Officer Ben Ansell added: "A particular area of focus for us is to increase the number of female firefighters within our service."

"Later this year, we will be starting whole-time firefighter recruitment. In the meantime, we will be running positive action activities, where we will be encouraging women and those from under-represented groups to join our service."

Dorset and Wiltshire FRS currently has 48 uniformed female firefighters, and CFO Ansell said: "This figure is better than it used to be, but is still not high enough.

"Women make excellent firefighters and I am convinced that there are plenty who would be interested in a rewarding career with Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service."

Details of positive action activities and whole-time recruitment processes will be advertised on the website www.dwfirer.org.uk and through the service's social media accounts in due course.

Introducing Dorset Police People

DORSET Police is presenting staff and officers to the public as part of a new campaign to introduce what the force do on the front line and behind the scenes.

Dorset Police launched a project entitled 'Dorset Police People' on March 31st.

Each week a new member of the Dorset Police family will appear in a short video, explaining their role and what they do on a day-to-day basis, in an effort to raise the public profile of the less visible Dorset Police departments.

As an organisation, Dorset

Police employs people in a huge variety of roles. While members of the public may consider themselves familiar with some roles within the force, there are a large number of services people may not even know are supplied.

The diversity of roles within the organisation reflects the rapidly changing nature of policing and the commitment Dorset Police have made to providing be-spoke services.

Assistant Chief Constable Mark Cooper said: "From experience, we know that

the public engage positively when we present the force on a more personal and individual level.

"People are generally interested in the work that we do, and we are committed to educating them further.

"This is an opportunity for us to show our communities the good work we do and how committed we are to keeping them safe."

Each Friday afternoon, a person profile video will be released onto the Dorset Police website at www.dorset.police.uk and shared on social media platforms.

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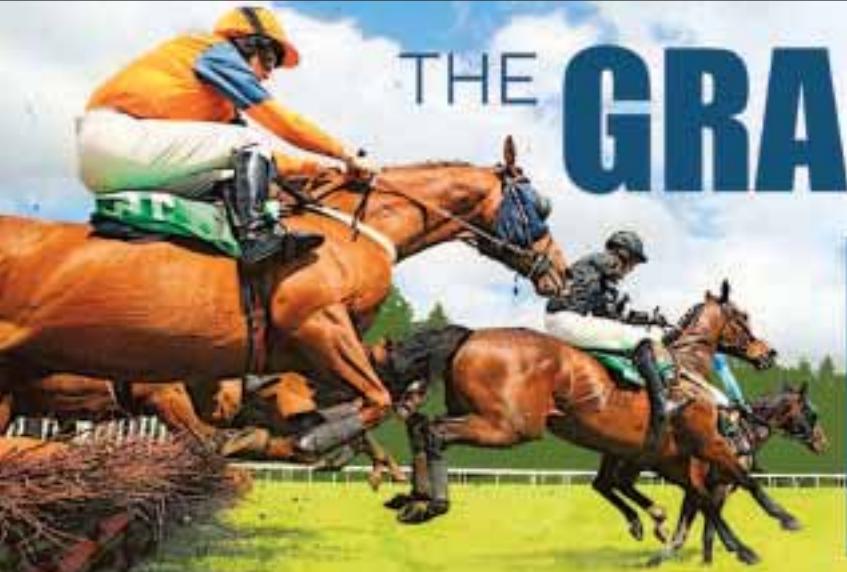
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WHICH HORSE WILL YOU BE CHEERING?

WEST Dorset's own Regal Encore could be in with a shout of glory in the Grand National at Aintree on Saturday. He may not be among the favourites but he is the horse to back if you want to support a local hero. Mosterton-based Anthony Honeyball's nine-year-old won at Ascot in December, but was pulled up at Cheltenham the following month.

Honeyball told Sky Sports: "Regal has got a good racing weight for Aintree

tree (10st 12lb). He has been pretty unlucky here and there, and is a very genuine horse. He has blown a bit hot and cold but not in a temperamental way.

"He has put on some really good displays and then hasn't had the luck on other occasions, which has put a few more letters next to his name."

The Grand National was the brain-child of a Liverpool hotel owner who wanted to create a spectacle that would draw a big crowd. It was a betting race from day one, designed to make the result uncertain – tempting enough to keep the punters interested but without putting them off with the sheer unpredictability of it all.

For nearly 200 years, it has done that job brilliantly, but in all that time, there will not have been many Grand Nationals quite as open as Saturday's.

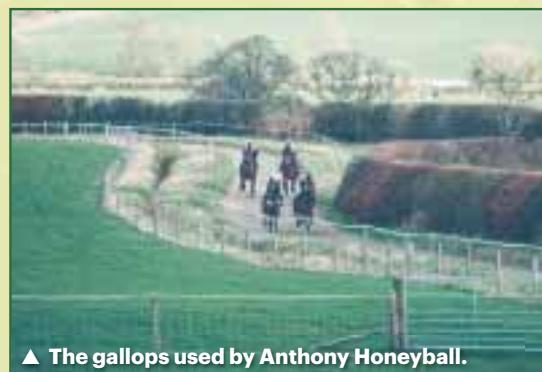
According to many pundits, there are at least six horses that could start favourite and around 30 among the first 40 in the betting that could win without the outcome being considered a huge shock.

But any attempt at rational analysis has to start somewhere and Vieux Lion Rouge, trained by David Pipe near Wellington, is currently the narrow ante-post favourite. He looked

like a very obvious non-stayer in last year's Grand National, and while he was seven at the time and has more experience now, he finished a long way behind the winner after travelling well to the home turn. But Vieux Lion Rouge has won his last two starts and was the 10/1 favourite earlier this week. Most recently he won at Haydock on February 18 over 3 miles 4 1/2 furlongs.

He is 7lb higher this time, while The Last Samurai, the runner-up 12 months ago, is even worse off from 12lb higher in the weights. Among others that are fairly prominent in the betting, The Young Master has not shown a great deal this season, Pleasant Company's trainer, Willie Mullins, has a shocking record in handicap chases in Britain and Ucello Conti was beaten by 37 lengths last year off the same mark.

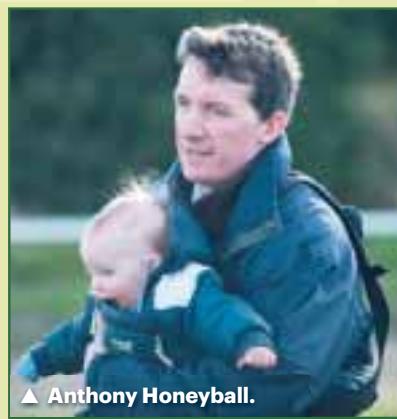
Definitely Red is the clear form pick at the weights, but whether he deserves to be at least half the price of most of his opponents is another question. He does not have much form on good ground either, and there is little rain forecast in the north-west this week. One For Arthur is another with the form to go very close on testing ground, but something to prove if it rides faster.



▲ The gallops used by Anthony Honeyball.



▲ The gallops at SeaborOUGH.



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The deadline for applications is 5pm on 19 April 2017 and organisations will be notified by 28 April 2017 if their application has been successful, and if so, the date and area they have been allocated.

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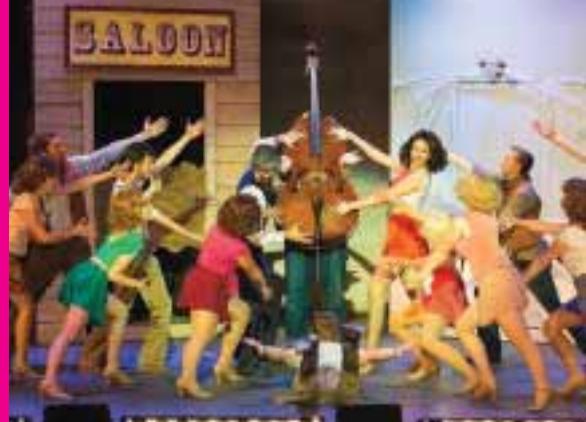
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Top Ten Artist Sales of Preloved Vinyl for week ending Saturday, April 1st compiled by Clocktower Music Bridport

1. ELO
2. Frank Sinatra
3. Ten CC
4. Elton John
5. Genesis
6. Family
7. Robyn Hitchcock
8. Johnny Dankworth
9. Its A Beautiful Day
10. Bob Dylan

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Rocking to make a difference

FEROIOUS DOG are a proudly political band, and that is evidenced by their 'Food Drop' campaign at their gigs.

'The Food Drop' came about after Ferocious Dog's frontman Ken Bonsall's son, Lee Bonsall, committed suicide, having suffered with PTSD after serving in Afghanistan. The Lee Bonsall Memorial Fund was set up, and Ken and his wife Karen, would go and set up soup kitchens and help the homeless. They discovered that many were ex-service men, living on the streets.

Ferocious Dog, who have a big following of family and fans ('Hell Hounds'), was a suitable platform to reach a wider audience, they asked for any donations that could help, (food, clothes, etc), be

brought along to the gigs, it was named "The Food Drop". The donations were given to homeless charities in Derby, Nottingham and Mansfield, Framework in Nottingham being one. The Food Drop now takes place at every gig.

Ferocious Dog are a full-on six-piece band that encompass folk infused with rock, reggae and Celtic vibrations. The combination of instruments creates a palette of sound that offers infinite variations: going in hard to get the audience up and moving, or slipping into melodic passages and dub-like fusions.

Ferocious Dog play live at Bridport's Electric Palace on Saturday, April 15th at 8pm Tickets are £13.50 available by calling 01308 428354.



Ferocious Dog

Saved For A Rainy Day

KATHRYN Roberts and Sean Lakeman head out on tour next month for 12 weeks of shows in support of their new eight track EP, *Saved For A Rainy Day*.

Talking about the EP, Kathryn commented: "Over the last few years there have been several cover songs we have performed live and never got round to recording. Along with a couple of our own originals that didn't fit with our previous releases. These have often been requested on CD and, subsequently, *Saved For A Rainy Day* has become a limited edition of rarities."

2016 saw Kathryn and Sean again voted 'Best Duo' at the BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards and later in the year pair headed to India and also to Spain for shows.

Now firmly established as one of the folk-scene's busiest and most respected duos, the husband and wife team will hit the road from early March onwards to preview new material that will feature on their next full album.

Now twice recent winners of the BBC Radio 2 Folk Award for Best Duo - 2016 & 2013 - the couple's intimacy and strength of passion on stage have won them many fans and an enviable reputation as "Songwriters par excellence" (fRoots), whose greatly varied original songs cover such subjects as wicked mermaids, Norwegian legends, and a lonely whale. Building upward from their last two highly praised albums 'Hidden People' and 'Tomorrow Will Follow Today', fans of quality acoustic music can catch a preview of the duo's exciting



Sean Lakeman and Kathryn Roberts

Innovative and captivating folk

NINEBARROW are building a huge reputation for their innovative and captivating take on the folk tradition. Described by Mike Harding as 'sounding damn fine' and by Seth Lakeman as a 'fantastic duo', Jon Whitley and Jay LaBouchardiere combine breathtaking vocal harmonies and melodies with songs that are rooted in the landscape and history of the British Isles. Their latest album *Releasing the Leaves* was awarded five stars in both Maverick Magazine and the English Folk Dance and Song Society Magazine, and was listed in *The Telegraph's Top Folk Albums of 2016*.

Ninebarrow play live at Dorchester Corn Exchange on Saturday, April 8th at 8pm. Tickets are £12 and £10 concessions. For more details and to book call 01305 2666926 or visit www.dorchesterarts.org.uk



Ninebarrow

Jesse Molins weaves guitar magic in Lyme

JESSE MOLINS is a popular and versatile guitarist who has evolved his sophisticated style working in the South West and London. As well as leading his own groups he is a regular with the Dave Hankin Big Band. He will be performing a variety of well-loved jazz tunes with pianist Philip Clouts as part of the 'Jazz in the Bar' series at the Marine Theatre, Lyme Regis on Sunday, April 9th.

Jesse started playing the guitar aged 11. His step-father Jon Stokes, guitarist and trumpet player, introduced Jesse to jazz and there were many hours of jamming and learning jazz tunes. Jon would play Charlie Parker, Miles Davis and Thelonious Monk tunes and Jesse would listen and try to make sense of what was going on-the exposure at a young age was invaluable.

Jesse studied jazz and popular music at the Musicians Institute, London. He has had lessons from some of the country's finest jazz guitarists including Mike Outram, Dave Cliff and Dominic Ashworth, and still devotes a large amount of time to practice and improvement. Jesse has performed with Mike Outram and the legendary bandleader and composer Mike Westbrook. He has co-led a jazz jam session in Exeter for three years with Al Swainger and Gary Evans, and performed Scott Stroman's "Jazz Mass" at Exeter Cathedral.

Jesse Molins plays at the Marine Theatre's Jazz in the Bar on Sunday, April 9th, at 8pm. Tickets are £11, available from the box office on 01297 442138.

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Britain's Got Talent finalist to headline Pilot Boat's Comedy Club

COMEDY impressionist and Britain's Got Talent (BGT) finalist Danny Posthill headlines this weekend's Pilot Boat Comedy Club in Lyme Regis.

Seen by millions in the BGT 2015 final, Danny Posthill has since performed all over the world working alongside some of the biggest names in comedy after he stunned the BGT judges with his hilarious portrayals of everyone from fellow comics Billy Connolly and Jimmy Carr to famous faces such as David Beckham and Gary Barlow.

Danny is now carving a career for himself on the alternative comedy circuit and will be coming to Lyme Regis for the first time next week to headline the Pilot Boat Comedy Club.

Joining Danny will be the hilariously downbeat Welsh funnyman Rob Hughes. Rob has gained a local following with performances at the Jurassic Fields Festival and Bridport Arts Centre in recent years and his despairing observations on family life never fail to entertain.

Completing the line up will be political

satirist Don Biswas and London comedy circuit and Edinburgh fringe festival regular Nig Lovell.

As ever, local comedian Tom Glover will MC the show, chatting with the crowd and road testing his latest material.

This month's Pilot Boat Comedy night will be this Saturday, April 8th at 8pm, doors open at 7pm. Tickets are £8 and are available from the bar on 01297 443157 or on the door. Book early to avoid disappointment.



Danny Posthill



Rob Hughes

Are you sitting comfortably?

ROB ROUSE is married, has two kids, a dog and an eye-watering mortgage, (is in debt) in these times of austerity and uncertainty, but remains resolute that a career in unpredictable world of comedy was absolutely the right way to go. (It's far too late to try something else now.)

Rob takes this trademark comedic storytelling to a career high in this full length show, as he leads us on an irresistibly hilarious journey of enforced introspection, that has taught him to relinquish any attempts to control his life and to face down literally one of the most awkward

situations you're ever likely to hear about.

Most definitely a middle-aged bloke Rob happily holds his hands up as being about as 'un-sexy' as it's possible to be in terms of broad brush 'Key Marketing Demographics*', but as a stand-up, he is in the form of his life.

*Rob sincerely believes there is a currently 'un-tapped' key demographic out there for him and you, dear reader are it.

Rob Rouse performs at Bridport Arts Centre this Saturday, April 8th at 8pm. For more details and to book call 01308 424204 or email www.bridport-arts.com



Rob Rouse

A beautiful family show this Easter Holiday

A *HEART AT SEA* uses haunting live music to tell the story of a young boy who bottles up his heart and throws it into the sea. Original songwriting is set to breathtaking visuals centred around a beautifully carved wooden chest that holds the secrets to the story.

Intricate puppets are swept through a transforming wooden world created by the spectacular chest. Be astounded as backdrops flip up, pirouette and change, sending the boy tumbling through danger and discovery. Puppets roam on this unique contraption to recount the story of whales, tiny boats, sea captains and beards.

A Heart at Sea is the collaboration between indie-folk artist Avi

Simmons and visual artist/puppeteer Peter Morton. Both Kent based, the piece was grown through a love for storytelling, music and puppets.

The original songs, composed by Avi Simmons, knit together the atmospheric tale through live vocals, instruments and a loop station. The music sweeps through echoing soundscapes to create a visceral, heart-warming experience. Join our hero as he embarks on a wild, nautical journey to recover his missing heart. This is

a piece of stunning visual storytelling and intimate gig-theatre that will resonate with all ages.

Peter Morton is a visual artist who specialises in intricate puppet design and physical perfor-



mance. He trained at the University of Kent in a Masters in contemporary performance and has since worked with a number of companies.

Singer-songwriter Avi Simmons has been captivating audiences for over 6 years, performing beautifully crafted original songs, combining acoustic guitar with delicate but powerful vocals.

A Heart at Sea comes to the Lyric Theatre, Bridport on Wednesday, April 12th at 7pm, and Thursday, April 13 at 11am and 3pm. Doors open 30mins before each show. Suitable for ages 6+. Tickets: £8 adult / £6 child / £25 family of 4 (2+2 / 1+3), available from BearKat Bistro and Bridport Arts Centre: 01308 424204 / www.bridport-arts.com

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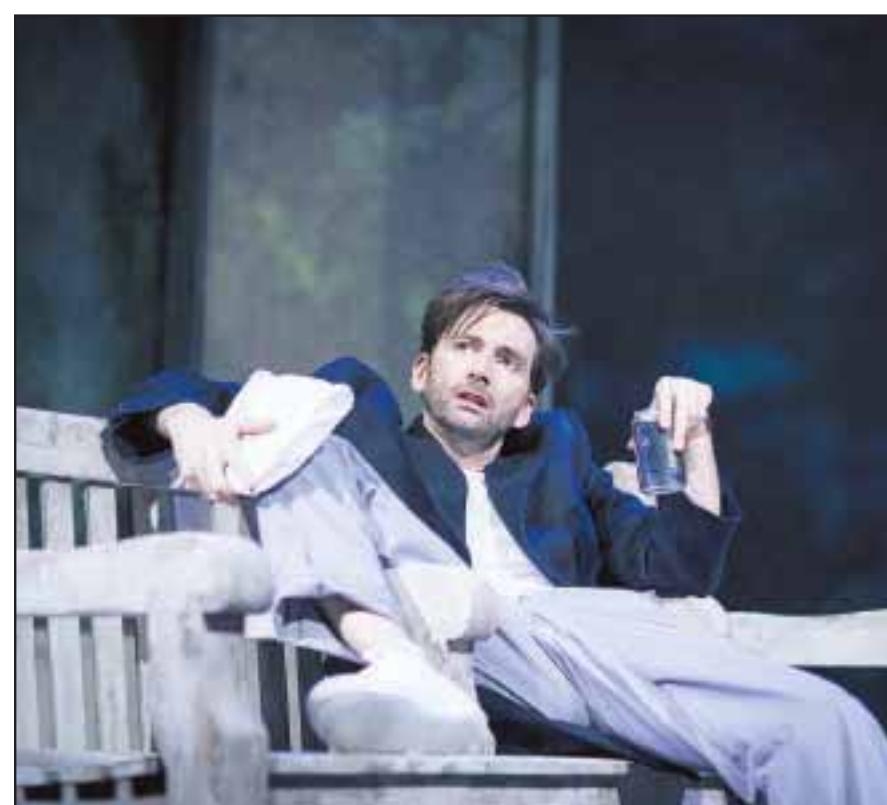
THIS week has been filled with sex, sex and more sex. Well, I don't mean me - I like to share my life with my readers, but even I realise that would be a step too far - no, I mean the shows I've seen this week have all been of the more debauched variety.

My first trip was down to the lovely Southwark Playhouse, just a few minutes from Waterloo. A musical called *The Life* is currently being performed there and it's a real must for musical theatre fans.

Yes, it is about prostitution, but nevertheless, it boasts a great story, fabulous music by Cy Coleman - who famously composed the music for *Sweet Charity* - and a fantastic cast including Sharon D. Clarke. Many will know Clarke from her recurring role in BBC1's *Holby City*, but I know her best as being the original Killer Queen in the musical *We Will Rock You*, and her voice is one of the richest and most dulcet I have ever heard.

I then popped down to a

little pub theatre to see a show called *Escape the Scaffold*. I should know by now really, that if something has dystopia anyway near the plot description, I'm not going to understand it. I'm always left feeling a bit stupid if I've gone to a show and I don't know what's going on and I can see how, if it were your first experience of theatre, it might put you off. Oh, and the show also had some full frontal nudity - not something I was fully prepared for above a pub on a Wednesday after-



■ DAVID Tennant in *Don Juan In Soho* at the Wyndham's Theatre. Photo by Helen Maybanks.

noon!

Luckily the next show on my agenda was easy to follow and extremely good. I was lucky enough to get the opportunity to see Broadchurch star David Tennant in *Don Juan in Soho* at the Wyndham's Theatre and he was utterly entrancing as the devilish dandy.

The role is a far cry from that of DI Alec Hardy, the Dorset crime-solving saint in *Broadchurch*, and instead shows Tennant's enviable range as an actor, with his immense comedy talent fully on display.

I finished the week with a trip down to Exeter's Northcott Theatre to review *Dracula: The Bloody Truth*, another comedy with a demonic anti-hero as its central character. The show is brand new and although there are a few things that could do with a bit more development, it promises

to be a future hit.

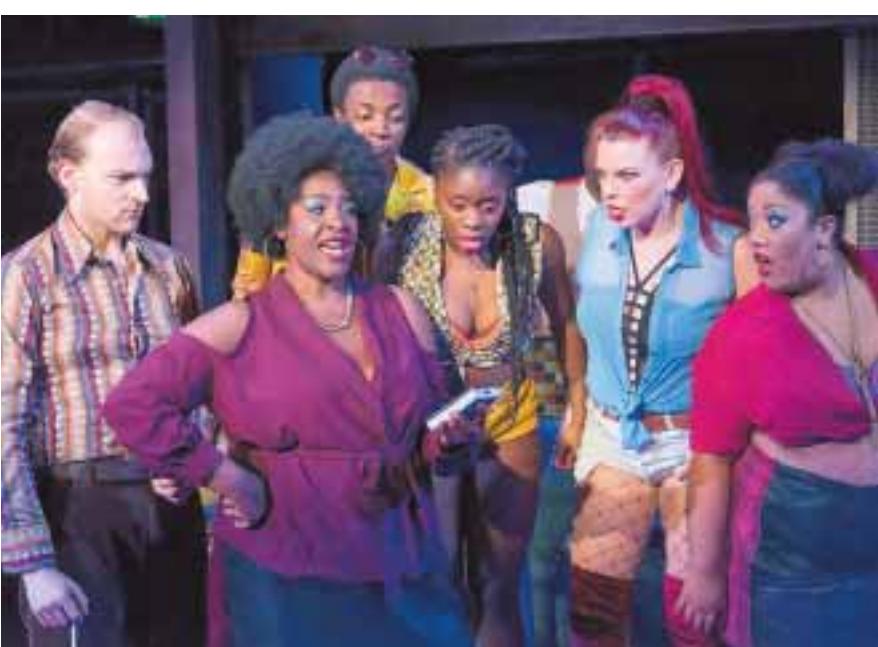
Next week I'm interviewing the legendary Millicent Martin, who is filming with Joan Collins, Michael Ball, John Barrowman and Liz Hurley in the Sidmouth Area for a new film called *Melody The Musical*.

I've also had to choose between two shows I would like to see with Edward Albee's *The Goat or Who is Sylvia?*, starring Damian Lewis and Sophie Okonedo, and *42nd Street* both on the same night.

As much as I would love to see Damian Lewis, I'm

afraid he's not as attractive to me as a stage filled with tap dancers and jazz hands, so I'm off to see Sheena Easton make her West End debut in *42nd Street* at my favourite London venue, the Theatre Royal Drury Lane. I will try to catch up on the Edward Albee play at another point if I can fit it in.

I'm also off to see a play at the National Theatre called *Consent*, which stars Ben Chaplin, who recently titivated television audiences with his performance alongside Emily Watson.



■ SHARON D Clarke (second left) with the cast of *The Life* at Southwark Playhouse.

Photo by Conrad Blakemore

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An Elephant in the Garden

ADAPTED from Michael Morpurgo's best-selling children's novel by the creators of the five-star hit Private Peaceful, An Elephant In The Garden tells the story of togetherness in a world that is splitting apart.

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Michael Morpurgo is the multi-award winning author of well over 100 books including War Horse, Private Peaceful and Kensuke's Kingdom.

An Elephant in the Garden is the new adaptation by Simon Reade from Michael Morpurgo's best-selling children's novel following their previous collaborations on Michael's war stories Toro! Toro!, The Mozart Question and the critically acclaimed 5 star hit theatrical touring phenomenon Private Peaceful. The show comes to Dorchester Corn Exchange on Wednesday, April 12th at 2.30pm and 7pm.

Tickets are £11 full price or £9 for Members of Dorchester Arts, under-18s or those on low in-

come, and are available from the Dorchester Arts box office on 01305 266926, in person at the Corn Exchange (weekdays 10am-4pm) or via the website at www.dorchesterarts.org.uk.



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LYME REGIS: Two East Devon artists--painter Elizabeth Richie and potter Ali Herbert--will be sharing their enthusiasm for creating paintings and ceramics that are organic in nature and material in a joint exhibition entitled Colour & Clay, The Courtyard Gallery, The Town Mill, Mill Lane, Lyme Regis DT7 3PU. 10.30am-4.30pm. Free admission. www.townmillarts.co.uk

WEDNESDAY APRIL 5TH

MARTINTOWN: Chair-based exercise. Martinstown Village Hall. 11am. For more details call 01308 426390.

LYME REGIS: Lent lunches at St Michael's Parish Church Hall, 12.30-1.30pm. In aid of Christian Aid.

Rousdon: Easter Bingo Night at Peek Hall, Rousdon, in aid of the Combsyne Rousdon Produce Association. Doors 7pm, eyes down 8pm. Bar and refreshments available.

DORCHESTER: Dorchester Community Church in Acland Road invite you to come to their coffee pop-in. You are welcome to come any time between 9.30 am and 12 noon and enjoy a drink and a rest from your shopping. There is also a stall selling handcrafted cards and other items, proceeds go to the Dorcas Wessex Trust.

THURSDAY APRIL 6TH

DORCHESTER: The West Dorset Health Service Retirement Fellowship will meet again at 2pm in the Boys Brigade Hall, Sawmills Lane, DT1 2RZ when Paul Attarbury will give us a talk entitled "Behind the Scenes of the Antiques Roadshow". The West Dorset Health Service Retirement Fellowship was set up over 30 years ago for retired employees of the Health Service and their partners living in Dorset and meet on the first Thursday of every month except August and December. In addition to the monthly meetings, we have coach outings, a theatre trip and Christmas lunch. New members welcome. Contact 01305 261676 or 785546 for further information.

BRIDPORT: Bridport Camera Club in association with Bridport Arts Centre. International Award winning film, The Salt of the Earth, directed by Wim Wenders following the life and work of Brazilian photographer and ethnographer, Sebastião Salgado. 7.30pm Bridport Arts Centre. Tickets from Bridport Arts Centre 01308 427183, www.bridport-arts.com.

FRIDAY APRIL 7TH

BRIDPORT: Christian Aid Lent Soup & Roll Lunch. St Mary's. Everybody is welcome to this friendly and relaxed lunch. Suggested donation of £2.50. 12.45pm.

MARTINTOWN: Exercise to Music. Martinstown Village Hall. 10am. For more details call 01308 426390.

WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: Exercise to Music. WI Hall, George Street. 3pm. For more details call 01308 426390.

SATURDAY APRIL 8TH

DORCHESTER: Dorset History Network – the way forward. The Dorset History Network is holding an event at the Dorset History Centre in Dorchester to celebrate ten years of the History Network and to look to the future. Talks about other local history networks, past and future of the network, group discussions and plenary session. Ideal for anyone doing research about Dorset. 9.30am-2.30pm. This is a free event, donations towards lunch welcome. Booking is essential. Tel: 01305 228930 or email: enquiries@dorsethistorynetwork.org For more info: www.dorsethistorynetwork.org

LODERS: Loders Village Hall, West Dorset Group of the SDFHS. 'Dear Mother' Pigeons, Parcels and Postmen. Sheila Meany will be talking about the importance of the postal service in WW1 and looking at some of the local postmen who joined up, especially Robert George Tite who died in 1914. Members £1.50, Visitors £3, everyone welcome. For more info contact Jane on 01308 425710 or email: jferentz@aol.com

SUNDAY APRIL 9TH

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LYME REGIS: 'Why Dinosaurs Matter' with Professor Ken Lacovara at Pine Hall, Baptist Church, Lyme

Regis 2-4pm.

SOUTH PERROTT: Bingo in Coach & Horses Inn, South Perrrott in aid of Church funds. Meat prizes. Eyes down 7:30pm. More information on 01935 891270.

MONDAY APRIL 10TH

BRIDPORT: Exercise to Music. WI Hall, North Street. 5.45pm. For more details call 01308 426390.

BEAMINSTER: Moviola presents 'A Street Cat Named Bob' at Beaminster Public Hall. Doors 7pm, film 7.30pm. Tickets at Yarn Barton 01308 862715 (weekdays 9.30-12.30 and Saturdays 9.30-1pm), or call 01308 861746. £5 in advance, £5.50 on the door.

WEYMOUTH: Plant Sale and Tea Shop at St Aldhelm's Church Centre, 11am-2pm. Free entry. Plant sale, tea shop serving lunches and homemade cakes, bargain bookstall. For more details call 07789 556689. In aid of Weldmar, part of Ali's Borneo Trek fundraising.

WEYMOUTH: Radipole & Southill Horticultural Society meeting at the Southill Community Centre at 7.30pm. The invited speaker is Neil Lucas, the UK's leading ornamental grass specialist from Knoll Gardens (Wimborne) and he will presenting on the subject of "More WOW and Less Work!". Refreshments will be available. Everyone is welcome.

BRIDPORT: The Bridport branch of the Devon and Dorset Old Comrades Association's next meeting. They meet at Haddon House Hotel in West Bay on the third Monday of each month at 11am.

MUSBURY: Musbury's Garden Club's next talk will be given by garden designer and horticulturalist Elizabeth Holman. Elizabeth will give an illustrated talk on how to renovate a tired garden at Musbury's village hall at 7.30pm. Refreshments are served from 7pm. All welcome. Non-members £2.50.

TUESDAY APRIL 11TH

WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: Chair-based Exercise. WI Hall, George Street. 10.15am. For more details call 01308 426390.

BRIDPORT: Bridport History Society, United Church Hall, East St. Bridport. 2.30pm. 'The Dorsets in 1917': Chris Copson, the Curator of the Keep Military Museum in Dorchester will talk about the theatres of war where the Dorset were involved in a hundred years ago. Members £1.00, Visitors £2.50, all welcome. For more info contact Jane on 01308 425710 or email: jferentz@aol.com

BROADWINDSOR: Broadwindsor Jammers Guitar Club, Comrades Hall, Broadwindsor, 2pm - 5pm. Every 2nd Tuesday. Simply turn up with your acoustic guitar and music stand, if you have one, and enjoy a fun afternoon of playing popular songs from most genres using song sheets with chords provided. All ages and abilities welcome. The cost for the afternoon is only £3.00 which includes refreshments at halftime. For further information phone Geoff on 01308 867221 or email geoff381@hotmail.com

UPLYME: Coach trip to Compton Acres, near Poole. This 10 acre garden has something for everyone - an Italian garden, rock garden, a large woodland area and a Japanese garden, plus a cafe and shop. The spring bulbs should be in good form for our visit and the views over Poole Harbour are extensive. The coach leaves Uplyme Village Hall at 9:15am, and the cost is £16 for ULHRS members, £19 for guests. Ring Annie Kobus on 01297 443346 to book your place.

WEDNESDAY APRIL 12TH

LYME REGIS: Lent lunches at St Michael's Parish Church Hall, 12.30-1.30pm. In aid of Christian Aid.

U3A HERITAGE COAST: 'Vietnam and the Far East'. Illustrated talk by Christopher Legrand. Woodmead Halls, Hill Road, DT7 3PG. An experienced traveller, photographer and public speaker, Mr Legrand will describe meeting with Buddhist nuns, and visiting Thailand and Indonesia as well as Vietnam. Coffee/tea from 10.00am, talk at 11.00am. Free for members, suggested donation for talk £2 to non-members. More information about the U3A at www.lymerigus3a.org or phone 01297-444566.

DORCHESTER: Dorchester Community Church in Acland Road invite you to come to their coffee pop-in. You are welcome to come any time between 9.30 am and 12 noon and enjoy a drink and a rest from your shopping. There is also a stall selling handcrafted cards and other items, proceeds go to the Dorcas Wessex Trust.

BRIDPORT: Bridport Camera Club Competition: OPEN, themed "Within 5 miles of Home", judged by Matthew Austin. 7.30pm Chancery House, Bridport DT6 3JT. The club is always happy to welcome new members. For details please phone the Club Secretary on 01308 482658.

DORCHESTER: Evergreens Cinema showing 'Nort to Alaska' at Age UK Dorchester. Lights will dim at 1.45pm, tea and biscuits served during the showing for £1.50. Ice creams available. Everyone welcome. For more details call 01305 269444.

Property View

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LOCAL BIDDERS SUCCEED AT SYMONDS & SAMPSON'S LATEST AUCTION

SYMONDS & Sampson's latest auction on 30th March at Axminster included lots in Devon, Dorset and Somerset with all of the properties sold at figures well in excess of the guide prices.

Partner Ross Willmington said "We started the auction at 2 pm on a perfect spring afternoon, the Guildhall was packed to the rafters with buyers from the local area, all over the UK and even one unsuccessful purchaser who had travelled over 1,000 miles from south west France for one of the lots at Wootton Fitzpaine. Many of the properties hadn't been on the open market for a considerable time and generated a huge amount of interest".



The lot that made the telephone ring the most was Bowditch Farm Lodge in Membury, a three bedroom timber framed barn conversion in gardens and a small orchard. Guided at £180,000 - £200,000, the bidding started cautiously but ended with the hammer dropping at a superb £310,000 to a very happy local couple. Symonds & Sampson's specialist planning team had assisted the vendors in removing a holiday cottage restriction from the property last year.

Agricultural land remained in strong demand from local farmers and investors, with 48 acres of land at Wootton Fitzpaine averaging £10,500 per acre. The top price was for 10.21 acres with a farm building, achieving £166,000 (£16,258 per acre) to a neighbouring farmer.

Fourways in Alston ended the day on a high - selling for a staggering £570,000, more than £120,000 over the guide of £400,000 - £450,000 and purchased by a couple from Honiton. Fourways was a large house requiring complete renovation set in grounds extending to about 4.40 acres.

Symonds & Sampson's next auction in Axminster is on 15th June and entries are now being taken, with the sale shaping up to be another good catalogue. Please call Ross Willmington or one of his team on 01297 33122 for impartial, professional advice on your property.



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6 TOP TIPS FOR SPRING STYLE

By Julia Gray, Press Association

1. To expose and enjoy your home's period floorboards, uncover them, do any repairs and sand them with an industrial floor sander and edger - which is hard, hot and dusty work. Although more expensive, employing someone to sand them for you is often worth it, and they usually include the cost of the wood stain or varnish in the price. They should also be able to do the job quicker than you can and should have better sanders than those available from hire shops. Another problem with doing it yourself is that you can get ridges in the boards from not using the floor sander properly, and you usually pay for the sanding sheets you use on top of the hire cost, which can soon add up.



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stay white, use a water-based paint. The latter is also ideal if you need to use the room that day because it will dry quickly.

4. If you don't have period floorboards or you'd prefer not to expose them, consider laying wood or wood-effect flooring. Laminate flooring, which has a picture of wood printed onto the boards, is an inexpensive way to get the look, but laminate isn't as fashionable as it once was. If you want the real thing, other types of wooden flooring are now as easy to fit as laminate and can be reasonably priced. Boards that simply click and fit together are widely available in both engineered wood and solid wood flooring.



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2. Period floorboards often have more modern boards mixed in where repairs have been done over the years. You can, of course, replace the new boards with period ones, but there's no guarantee that the colour will match perfectly when sanded, and it can be hard to find ones the same width, especially if your boards are an unusual width.

3. Painting them makes it easier to disguise the new boards than with wood stain or varnish, although dark stains and varnishes can work really well. Painting floorboards white is a classic look and will go with any wall colour, although it isn't the most practical choice for high-traffic areas of the home. If you use a water-based white floor paint, such as Ronseal Diamond Hard Floor Paint (see my Product of the Week), you may have to do several coats until the colour is even. An oil-based white floor paint will cover in fewer coats, but it's likely to yellow, so if you want the boards to



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5. Engineered wood flooring has a top layer of real wood, with other layers underneath. The thickness of the wood layer varies - make sure you know how thick it is, as thicker layers can be sanded. A floor that can be sanded a few times is a good investment because it can take more wear and tear. Engineered wood is often a more practical choice than solid wood flooring because the layers give it added strength and durability. Unlike solid wood, it shouldn't shrink and expand when exposed to moisture and changes in temperature and humidity.



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SEAT launches sporty FR on high-selling Ateca

New FR trim level brings fun at the wheel, sportiness and dynamism to the Ateca range, without compromising luxury

FUN at the wheel, luxury and refinement, combined with a stylish and sporty character – SEAT has unveiled the Ateca FR. The latest addition to the brand's high-selling SUV range will take to the stage at the Barcelona In-

ternational Motor Show, AUTOMOBILE BARCELONA, from the 11th to 21st May 2017.

The Spanish manufacturer is in the midst of its largest ever product offensive, which has also seen the launch of the

Ateca itself, New Leon and All-New Ibiza and soon, in the second half of the year, the new crossover, Arona.

The sporty FR trim has been added to the current UK Ateca range which consists of S, SE

and SE Technology, and will sit just below the halo XCELLENCE versions. Since its launch, SEAT has sold more than 40,000 units of the smash-hit Ateca worldwide. This model, alongside the success of the Leon, Alhambra and Ibiza, contributed to SEAT achieving an operating profit of 143 million euros in 2016, the highest in the company's history, and to finishing the year with its fourth consecutive annual sales increase.

"The Ateca FR adds yet another level of excitement to our first SUV. The agile and precise handling of Ateca is reinforced with a touch of dynamism and fun at the wheel, with the FR trim adding for example Dynamic Chassis Control and progressive steering" commented Dr. Matthias Rabe, Vice-President of R&D at SEAT. "It's a sportiness that adds to all the technology the Ateca has onboard."

The Ateca FR stands out through exclusive 18-inch 'Per-

formance' alloy wheels (19-inch machined optional), combined with body coloured wheelarches and side skirts that come with an aluminium moulding running along the lower section of the doors. The rear window is framed by black spoilers, with the rear spoiler matching the car's bodywork colour. The rear bumpers are also exclusively designed for the FR and also come in the same hue as the bodywork. Typical FR logos also appear front and rear, plus, roof rails and window frames in black. Up close, the grille comes in gloss black, while its LED front fog lights have also received an exclusive FR design treatment.

Inside, the aluminium door strips complete with FR logo are immediately noticeable as soon as the front doors are opened. The logo can also be found on the multi-function, leather sports steering wheel covered, with gloss black insert. Sporty

cabin touches come by way of standard sports seats in Alcantara® (leather is option) and the aluminium pedals. Red stitching on the steering wheel, seats and gear lever gaiter, enhance the sporty character of the SEAT Ateca FR still further. At the same time, there are elegant details in black that give a luxurious touch to the interior, such as the roof and interior door mouldings, which also come with an exclusive FR finish.

The FR trim level will comprise a range of EU6 petrol and diesel engines, ranging in power from 150PS to 190PS, including a new 2.0 TSI 190 unit. A range of manual and DSG-auto transmissions feature. Four-wheel-drive will be available on both 2.0TDI engines, plus, the new 2.0 TSI. DCC (Dynamic Chassis Control) and progressive steering will also be available.

UK pricing and specification for the Ateca FR line-up will be confirmed closer to launch this summer.



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Introducing the Juke Tekna Pulse and Juke N-Connecta Style

THE original compact crossover, Nissan Juke now gets even more expressive with two stylish new special versions joining the range - the Juke Tekna Pulse and Juke N-Connecta Style – which are both on sale now.

Juke Tekna Pulse

Music fans take note. The Juke Tekna Pulse comes equipped with an upgraded and more powerful audio system, providing a more immersive listening experience than ever before.

The enhancement is one of a number of sophisticated features being introduced as standard on the Juke Tekna Pulse, offering customers exceptional value for money.

New speakers from respected French audio company Focal are at the heart of the upgraded Juke Tekna Pulse. Focal's unique processing technology provides a more precise listening experience. The special 6-speaker sound system, engineered with signature polyglass, DFS and inverted dome aluminium technologies, delivers crystal-clear audio in an immersive soundscape.

Maximum power is raised from 40 watts to 120 watts in the front and rear speakers, and from 40 watts to 100 watts in the tweeters.

The Juke Tekna Pulse special version is available with a choice of two exterior colours – Metallic Black or Dark Grey – and each can be selected in either flagship Tekna or N-Connecta grade. Both feature the Juke's black exterior personalisation pack and striking 18-inch alloy wheels with black inserts as standard.

Enhancements continue inside the cabin, with sports pedals and luxury floor mats included on all versions, further enhancing the black interior personalisation pack. Tekna models also come with premium leather seats, while N-Connecta grade examples receive new-to-Juke part-leather seats.

Prices for Juke Tekna Pulse start from £20,700 for the DIG-T 115 turbo petrol and £22,305 for the dCi 110 turbo diesel. A production run of just 1,500 cars is planned.

Juke N-Connecta Style

The Juke N-Connecta Style offers an enhanced version of the N-Connecta grade, with exterior and interior personalisation plus packs included. The Exterior Personalisation pack enhances Juke's styling cues with colour co-ordinated bumper and headlight finishers, mirror covers, vibrant 18-inch alloy wheel inserts in Tokyo Black.

The Interior Personalisation pack comprises premium sports seats with striking Tokyo Black trim to match the centre console and door strips.

Xenon headlights are now also included as standard.

Juke N-Connecta Style is priced starting from £18,755 for the DIG-T 115 petrol engine, and £20,360 for the dCi 110 diesel engine.



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Control and MINI Connected. The MINI Excitement Pack which includes the MINI logo projection is also offered as standard.

Nicolas Griebner, Head of Product, MINI UK said: "The MINI Black Pack Clubman showcases the very best of MINI Clubman – a host of specially selected equipment combined with attractive visual options."

The new MINI Cooper available to order at MINI Retailers from today, on the road pricing starts at £21,430 for MINI Cooper Black Pack Clubman (£289 per month, with an initial rental of £289*) and £23,735 for MINI Cooper D Black Pack Clubman.

For more information on the new MINI Black Pack Clubman, please see www.mini.co.uk/en_GB/home/explore/minи-black-pack-clubman.html.



▲ The new MINI Black Pack Clubman



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WITH STUART BROOM

Blues hit Cowes for six to bring up ton

Portland United 6 Cowes Sports 0

Sydenhams Wessex Premier - att; 166
PORTLAND United continued their quest for the Sydenham Wessex Premier League championship with the resounding defeat of struggling Cowes Sports, and in doing so became the first club to register 100 league goals this season.

With third placed Blackfield & Langley losing at Sholing, the Blues are now five points clear of them with four games to play, and only four points behind Moneyfields which will be cut to one when they are docked the three point penalty incurred from the league for playing an ineligible player.

Portland did not find it easy in the first half as Cowes, looking to stave off relegation, got men behind the ball to frustrate them.

With wingers Jamie Beasley and Ed Bastick not available, the Blues were not able to play their normal game, and at times found it hard to adjust to the new formation.

Assistant manager Mark Carter said: "With no natural width the game became a bit congested in midfield and we lost our fluency at times. They had come to frustrate us and in the first half it worked quite well."

Portland took the lead on 16 minutes through one of two soft looking penalties awarded by referee Said Ouchene when Alex Halloran appeared to get across his marker in a shoulder to shoulder chal-

lenge. Ross Doidge sent the keeper the wrong way from the spot.

Doidge then found a way through the packed Cowes defence by chipping a ball over the top for Alex Godfrey to run on to and slip past the advancing keeper.

With the instruction to move the ball quicker in the second half and underlying the importance of scoring the next game to prevent any thoughts of a Cowes comeback, Darren Watts obliged by receiving and turning before firing the ball across the keeper into the top corner for the Blues third.

There was a scare in the home defence soon after when captain Lewis Whyton dwelt on the ball too long and was robbed, but Sean Lillingto was alert to the danger and saved the resultant shot with his legs to sink the Yachtsmen.

A second dubious penalty award resulted in Doidge adding his second of the afternoon.

A superb six man move led to Portland's fourth resulting in Lewis Clarke providing a peach of a curling cross to the far post where sub Tom Richardson slid in to make it five.

Watts rounded off another productive day at The Grove by adding the sixth, and Portland's 100th league goal of the season with a 30-yard rocket into the top corner.

Next up for the Blues is Saturday's visit by fourth-placed Sholing (3pm).

DORSET SATURDAY LEAGUE

Senior League

LEAGUE leaders Witchampton won 2-0 at Poole Borough, while Shaftesbury hosted second placed Dorchester Sports and won 3-1 with goals from Charlie Brown (pen), Jack Mitchell and Taylor Godden.

Warren White, Josh Why and James Hansford were all on target for Chickirrell United as they won 3-0 at home against Allendale.

Portland Utd Reserves won 3-1 at Milborne Port where Charlie Gatesnetted the consolation. Piddletrenthide won 2-1 at Blandford Reserves with Adrian Groza scoring for the hosts. Westlands won 3-1 at Boscombe Polonia. Grzegorz Kowalczyk netted for Boscombe

Division One

MERE Town hosted Canford Utd and drew 3-3 with Dean Fields, George Heap and Matt McGrath netting for Mere.

Callum Goddard scored a hat trick as AFC Blandford won 4-1 at Bally Sports Reserves. Also on the score sheet for Blandford was Jake Ford.

Wareham Rangers won 4-1 at home to Portland Town courtesy of goals from Scott McCabe, Tommy Beard, Jamie Cooper and Luke Bowie. Alex Counter scored for Portland.

Swanage and Weymouth shared the points after a 2-2 draw with Will Bartley and Gideon Troy on target for Swanage.

Parley defeated visiting Tisbury 2-1 thanks to strikes from Martin Newbury and

Maculay Rainy.

Lee Perry, Michael Collins, Ryan Loveless and Callum Dean were all on target for Wool & Winfrith as they won 4-1 at Portland Utd Youth.

Division Two

ALLEDALLE Reserves and Broadmayne shared the points as they drew 3-3. On target for Allendale were Jack Avery, Harry Vivian and Carl Fleet.

Division Three

LEAGUE winners Sturminster Marshall ended their season with a 3-0 home win against Donhead with goals from S.Lillis, J.Curtis-Hicks and C.Stanley.

Handley Sports won 5-0 at Wool & Winfrith Reserves while Marnhull won 5-3 at home to South Cheriton Utd with goals from T.Abbott, B.Glenworth, A.Thorne, J.Clark and C.Eaton.

Division Four

ANDY McCuish scored a hat trick to help Corfe Castle Reserves on their way to an 8-2 home win against Portland Town B. Also on target for Corfe were Andy Manston (2), Dave Field, Marcus Smith and Jack Smith. Luke Atkins and Matt Brittan netted for Portland.

Shillingstone defeated visitors Portesham Reserves 7-1 with goals from Scott Acott (2), James Acott, Darren Critchell, Jack Soden, Nat Hayward and Andrew Long.

Twickenham triumph for Thomas Hardye School

THOMAS Hardye School are celebrating after their Under 15 rugby team comfortably won the NatWest Vase Final at Twickenham last week.

The Dorchester school not only made history, but produced a scintillating display worthy of the home of rugby, beating Dr Challoner's Grammar School by 62-7 at Twickenham by 62-7.

They flew out of the blocks from the first whistle scoring three tries in the first 10 minutes and seven by half time to put the result beyond doubt, with fly-half Orlando Bailey named as man of the match for his try and five conversions.

All 22 players in the squad got at last one half playing on the hallowed turf cheered on by parents and families.

Coach Chris Goulding said: "It was a once in a lifetime experience for the boys to play at Twickenham and one they will savour, particularly winning as we did."

"In the previous rounds we had not played to our full potential for the whole match, so it was great to do so at the home of rugby which was brilliant."

On their route to the final

Thomas Hardye beat local schools Woodroffe and Budmouth before despatching Huish Episcopi.

An overnight stay to play and defeat Mounts Bay Academy, St Ives at the home of the Cornish Pirates led to a quarter final against Mill Hill, one of the top schools in the country. A faultless first half was enough to demoralise the visitors to set up a

semi-final clash with Bridgewater High School from Warrington at the Alliance Stadium, home of Saracens.

A poor first half performances

from Thomas Hardye saw them go in at half-time level 5-5, and the game wide open. However, they were on fire in the second half and swept to victory 48-5 to win the right to play at Twickenham.

Rugby

Red card hampers Seasiders

North Dorset 2nd 38

Weymouth & Portland 12 TRAILING by just five points at the break Weymouth & Portland's chance of victory disappeared minutes into the second half when Bryn Llewellyn was red carded for a head butting incident.

A man short, it enabled North Dorset to take control of the game to record their first home win, and only their third victory of the season.

Llewellyn had given his side the lead early in the game, and with full back Chris Lewenden crossing for a second which was converted by his brother Ryan, they were in touch with their hosts at half-time, trailing by 12-7.

However, the dismissal five minutes after the restart left the Seasiders with a lot to do, and although they kept themselves in the game for a long time, the introduction of two young backs midway through turned the game the hosts' way.

First team manager Vaughan Carter said: "The result doesn't reflect the game as a whole.

"We were well in touch at the break, just five points down, then the referee saw fit to show Bryn a straight red card following an altercation when he was adjudged to have dealt a head butt to an opponent.

"As head butts go on a scale of one to 10, it was probably a two or three, but quite rightly the referee dismissed him and now his season is all but over which is a shame as we play Dorchester next time out and now we will be minus one of our best backs.

"We played on with 14 and were well in the game. However, North Dorset brought on two young backs in the final quarter when we were tiring and they punished us running in four late tries".

One name of note is Lewis Richards who was impressive on his Weymouth & Portland debut.

■ PROUD DAY: The Thomas Hardye under 15 rugby team which won the NatWest Vase final by thrashing Dr Challoner's Grammar School 62-7 at Twickenham recently.

The Spirit of Rugby



	Pld	Pts
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Wimborne II	20	80
Salisbury II	20	75
DORCHESTER	20	67
WEYMOUTH II	20	55
Bournemouth II	20	50
Swanage & Wareham II	20	49
Oakmedians	20	43
Lytchett Minster	20	40
North Dorset II	20	22
Sherborne II	20	20
East Dorset	20	2

Lyme Regis Skittles**Two horse race for Ladies title**

RESULTS - w/c April 1st: Ladies League: Hot Gossips 317 (+BL) La Crème 295, Hot Gossips (+BL) bt Wild Pins (result confirmed from March 6th).

Men's Division Two Curtis Nomination Cup Semi Final: Alleytwits 251 President's Men 251 (Alleytwits through after play-off).

Men's Bob Sweetland Cup Quarter Final: Young Guns 355 No Hoppers 335, British Legion bt Clueless (Game given), Rousdon Rebels 352 v Roadrunners 337, Flyers 311 v Trappers 298.

Details of upcoming Cup fixtures and rearranged games;
Tonight (Wednesday) Men's Palmer Cup Quarter Finals; President's Men v Marks-men (PILOT BOAT), Wreckers v Clueless (ROCK POINT).

Friday, April 7th
Men's Palmer Cup Quarter Finals: Tornadoes v Alleytwits (ROCK POINT), Rousdon Rebels v Roadrunners (ROUSDON).

Men's Div 1 George Nomination Cup Semi Finals: No Hoppers v Trappers (PILOT BOAT), Flyers v Clueless (WOOTTON).

Wednesday, April 12th

LADIES	P Pts BL
Wootton Wobb	13 20 21
Skittso's	13 18 20
Hot Gossips	12 12 16
Rollercoasters	13 13 16
Smashers	13 13 10
La Crème	13 8 8
Wild Pins	11 8 7
Generations	12 4 4
MEN'S DIV ONE	P Pts BL
Marksman	14 26 18
No Hoppers	14 22 16
Flyers	14 18 8
Young Guns	13 12 14

Bridport & District Table Skittles

Division A	Pd Pts BL
Crown Duels	18 71 12
Jesters	19 71 13
What an Anchor	20 57 15
No Hoppers	20 54 10
What's The Odds	19 52 12
Hopeless Anchor	20 52 13
Odds Against	20 52 9
Ria Gunnars	20 50 11
Fred's Heros	18 37 4
The Devils	19 37 6
Muck Fuddlers	14 24 6
Fishermans Fnds	18 19 5
Division B	Pd Pts BL
Anthill Mob	14 10 20
Clueless	13 10 10
Trappers	13 10 10
Rousdon Rebels	15 8 20
Wreckers	14 8 8
MEN'S DIV TWO	P Pts BL
Miscellaneous	12 16 8
Roadrunners	10 15 12
President's Men	12 15 8
Tornadoes	12 12 12
Alleytwits	12 10 18
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DESPITE the apparent closeness of the final result, the visitors never looked like they could get anything from this game.

Although Sports led by a spectacular goal at half time, Bridport had created so many chances that it was only a matter of time before they would break through and take the game.

Their recent win against Sherborne, which broke a run of 10 consecutive defeats, has restored the team's confidence, and despite trailing at the break, they kept their shape and continued to play their game that saw them win comfortably, despite a last minute second goal that suggested it was closer than it was.

With Louis Rutter starting a four match ban for being the victim of a biting incident against Wells City, former Bee Sam Buckler, signed earlier this week, partnered Andy Martin in the centre of defence.

Bridport had an early claim for a penalty when Leigh Bailey appeared to be pulled back as he met Martin's corner, before the visitors took the lead midway through the first half with a superb 30-yard strike from George Bowerman.

The Bees felt they deserved another penalty after Mark Salter's cross appeared to be handled, before Ed Butcher having jinked his way past three players fired wide when one-on-one with the keeper.

Despite going in one down, the Bees were anything but disheartened, and continued to pressurise the Sports defence.

Butcher saw his shot tipped over the bar by the keeper soon after the restart as the Bees went in search of an equaliser.

Manager Adam Fricker made a change on the hour; introducing the more attacking Richard Hebditch in place of Dan Peach in a quest to breakdown the visitors.

And on 66 minutes the increase in impetus paid dividends as Braeden Symes met Butcher's cross at the far post with a speculative shot that flashed into the top corner.

Hebditch hit the upright with a near post header soon after, before he put Bridport ahead on 81 minutes.

Latching on to Butcher's ball over the top of the Sports defence, the ball sat up nicely for him to lift the ball over the advancing keeper.

Now well in the ascendency the Bees continued to pound the visitors, and they in-

creased their lead three minutes from normal time when Charlie Dunne trying to clear Martin's deliciously whipped free kick, turned it into his own net.

Longwell finally got a second shot on goal as the game entered added time, a good strike from the edge of the box that bounced just in front and over of Jason Hutchings' stretched arm as he dived, but the Bees comfortably saw out the additional six minutes added by referee James Durkin.

Fricker was pleased with his sides overall display saying: "We were all over them really; we just didn't take our chances. They had two shots on goal and scored with both of them, neither of which Jason Hutchings could have done about them. One was an absolute 'worldy' from 30 yards out, and the second was a shot from the edge of the box in the last minute that bounced over his arm as he dived down."

"Meanwhile, their keeper must have pulled off five or six good saves and we hit the bar and post as well as missing a number of chances, but to be fair it was an all round good performance from the lads."

"Despite being behind at the break, the lads weren't disheartened and we got our just rewards in the second half."

On Buckler's performance for which he was awarded the POM, Fricker said: "Sam and Andy Martin at the centre of the defence were excellent, and they forged a good partnership between them."

"We had heard a lot about him, but to be fair neither Paddy (Behan) or myself had seen him play, but we knew what a good player he is having talked to Ryan Hayter and Mark Salter, and he was exactly how we thought he would be."

"He's a good talker and organiser; something we had been missing to a certain extent; and it will be good to have him for a few games this season. He would be a great acquisition, and a player that we know we need."

Bridport were due to travel to 11th placed BRISLINGTON last night.

Bridport: Jason Hutchings, James Regan, Matt Condliffe, Leigh Bailey, Andy Martin, Sam Buckler, Kameron Andrews, Dan Peach, Mark Salter, Ed Butcher, Braeden Symes. Subs; Darren Hutchings, Josh Hull, Rich Hebditch.

Spitfires shot down in hail of goals**BRIDPORT A 15 CROSSWAYS SPITFIRES 0**

Dorset League Division Four

BRIDPORT A showed their ruthlessness and desire to win promotion from Dorset Division Four by adding nine second half goals to swamp Crossways Spitfires.

Leaders Swanage RBL had an overall five goal advantage over the Bees who were determined to capitalise on their superiority should the title come down to goal difference.

Bridport had expected a tough game after the slim 3-2 victory in the reverse fixture in December.

But their strong side built around a mix of youth and experience, tore the visitors apart forcing the visiting keeper to pull off at least five show stopping saves within the first two minutes, before Josh Hunter gave them the lead.

Bridport dealt with every challenge Crossways could throw at them in fine style, building from their solid back four and through the commanding midfield pairing of Callum Middleton and Rhys Hughes-Williams, and soon doubled their lead from a sublime Hunter strike.

Dominic McAllister added a third before the side introduced Harry Fleet and Kieran Hawkins in the middle. Christoph Vursmann then scored his first goal for the club with a fine solo run starting in his own half, before Bridport went in at halftime six goals to the good.

After the break the home side took the game to a different level, something they have lacked at times this season, and Brandon Scadding, responsible for eight of the assists, got the second half scoring underway.

If not for a superb display by the Spitfires' goalkeeper, the score could have been far greater than 15, and credit to the visitors for competing to the finish.

Such was the desire of the Bridport players to maximise their efforts that Hunter was disappointed to be substituted with 10 minutes remaining having bagged seven goals.

On this form Bridport FC's reformed side, could well produce the perfect opening season with promotion. Besides Hunter, McAllister scored four, Hughes-Williams two and one each for Scadding and Vursmann.

Next week Bridport entertain PORTLAND TOWN B looking to keep their promotion push on track.

Bridport Skittles

CUP fixtures for week beginning Monday, April 10th

Cup Winners Cup Final

Monday, April 10th
West Dorset Club - Nelson Nobblers v Originals.

Mixed Pairs Final

Tuesday, April 11th
Ilchester Arms: M Gudge & S Newman; A Pauley & H Varndell; M Hansford & M Horton; N Pauley & J Symes.

Portman Handicap Cup (4th round)

Thursday, April 13th
Miss the Ball v Castouts (14), Slingers v Strawpedees (20), Rockets v Alleycats (40), Nelson Nobblers v Wickers (35).

Division A

	Pld Pts
Shipfaced	18 35
Rockets	18 24
Masters	17 23
Denhay	18 20
Wanderers	17 18
Rejects	18 17
Nelson Nobblers	17 16
Rough Eight	18 16
Broadak	18 14
Slingers	18 13
U Know the Blokes	16 8
Lively Lads	17 6

Division B

	Pld Pts
Miss the Ball	17 25
The Dingles	17 23
Countrymen	16 18
Originals	16 18
Dingbats	15 16
Survivors	16 16
Lost in Time	15 15
Outsiders	16 15
Bangers	16 12
Castouts	17 12
Aussies Lot	15 6

Division C

	Pld Pts
Gerrymatics	18 32
NBC	17 26
Pioneers	18 24
LHS	17 20
Wickers	17 20
Unknowns	17 16
Whiskey Chasers	16 16
Stingers	17 15
Yo Yo's	18 11
Brandy Snaps	17 10
Groundhogs	15 8

Division D

	Pld Pts
Alcoholics	17 32
Strawpedees	17 30
Featherbeds	16 23
BFC	17 22
Alleycats	16 20
Hidden Talent	15 11
Firebirds	16 10
Let em Roll	14 10
Pinbashers	14 10
Offcuts	14 8

Highest Individual League Score (92) - M Tozer (BFC); M Huxter (Broadak); D Alley (Let em Roll).

Medal winners (91) - M Studley (Shipfaced) & D Wyatt (Masters).

Medal winners (90) - W Huxter (Lively Lads).

Scores of 90 & over in Cup matches - D Smith 94 (Lively Lads).

Highest Lady Individual League (86) score - S Luter (Yo Yo's).

Duns Trophy Leaders - N Willcox (Rejects) 15 points; D Wyatt (Masters) A Hutchings (Rough Eight) & J Burwood (Gerrymatics) all 12 points.

Echo Rose Bowl Leaders - G Legg (Brandy Snaps) with 18 points; S Luter (Yo Yo's) with 15 points; C Horton (Pinbashers) with 12 points.

Rallying

New engine inspires Ireland and Scadding

GREAT RESULT: Ireland and Scadding navigate the Welsh forests.

Photo by PAUL MITCHELL PHOTOGRAPHY

A NEW engine in their Ford Escort helped local rally duo Rex Ireland and Adrian Scadding to their best finish in recent years at the Rally North Wales last weekend and encouraged them in their battle to win their D3 classification.

They are regularly thwarted for the title for historic cars with the same size engine by Ben Friend and his experienced co-driver Cliffy Simmonds, but with both Ireland at the top of his form behind the wheel, and Scadding pac-

ing his notes to perfection, the more powerful replacement engine inspired the duo and they finished closer to their opponents than in recent encounters; only 1m13secs down.

The six stage event, held in the Dyfi and Garthfelinig forests around Dilgellau, was challenging enough without the competitors having to contend with heavy rain in the morning over the first three stages.

This made the course slippery and muddy, although by the afternoon it was drying out as

Lyme Golf**Daines and Fidge squeeze home**

BEN Prosser had a solid back nine to win the **Junior Stableford** scoring 35 points from Mannie Wellman (31), and Cameron Moss (30).

In the **Hardy A cup** match away against **WEYMOUTH**, Lyme Regis fielded a largely young team which bloodied a few newcomers but came up against a vastly experienced home side that used that experience and local knowledge to great effect.

Tom Glover and Bob Taylor were winners while George Seed gained a half point as Lyme went down 5 1/2 to 2 1/2.

The men had a **Four-ball better ball** competition and, coincidentally, for the second time the two winning pairs played together and it was a birdie blitz!

Arthur Daines, bridesmaid last time, partnered Dave Fidge, who was on fire, but father and son Ted and Mark Scott put up a tremendous fight.

Seven handicapper Fidge was two under par gross and birdied both of the hardest holes on the course.

On the 16th both he and Mark Scott hit their second shots so close it was a pair of very simple four point birdies.

Playing the 18th only one point separated the teams and all four players just missed their birdie puts leaving Fidge and Daines as winners 48 points to 47.

The **Ladies Greensomes** produced an outright win for ladies vice captain Susan Moore and Rosemary Shepherd as their exceptionally good front nine set them up with a score of 69.6.

Rosie Jackman and Judith Page just pipped Jean Jolley and Kate Smith on count-back both with 73.

On Saturday there was mass turnout for a club day **Texas Scramble**, followed by a delicious cold buffet.

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Bridport Rugby**Blues target third after big win****Bridport 38 Oakmedians 2nds 12**

BRIDPORT eased to a 38-12 victory against a determined Oakmedians side thanks to a dominant first half performance which saw them score all their points, writes **Stuart Briggs**.

The match kicked off an hour late as the Oakmedian side were held up in traffic. But they showed no sign that the long journey had affected them and started the stronger of the two teams.

They were soon in the Blues territory and only determined Bridport defence prevented an early score. Bridport soon gained territory and an overlap on the right saw Dave Cutting go in at the corner, Richard Lazell added the two points with an excellent conversion.

Bridport continued to put pressure on visitors line but their defence held and a series of penalties saw Oakmedians back in the Bridport 22 but they could not turn pressure into points.

Bridport cleared their lines and from a line out on halfway Dave Cutting made an excellent break feeding Freddie Woolner to score in the corner, which he could not convert.

Bridport then began to pressurise the Oakmedian scrum, winning one against the head, and good hands in the backs saw Charlie O'Donnell brought down just short of the line. Oakmedians conceded a penalty and Dave Cutting took a quick tap and was through to score, the conversion was missed.

Oakmedians were soon back in the Blues half and won a penalty, the goal attempt just short.

Blues cleared well, won the line out and Mitch Waters made a clean break and scored under the posts, Richard Lazell converting.

Again Oakmedians pressed, and a kick through saw Mitch Waters just beating the chasing Oakmedian winger to earn a 22 drop out. A long touch kick from Freddie Woolner saw the Blues win the line out and Daragh McCoughlin turned quickly at the back of the line out and was through the defence to score, Richard Lazell again converting.

From the kick off Freddie Woolner made a great break only just putting a foot in touch on the Oakmedians 10 metre line. Bridport won scrum after

the line out was not straight and Freddie Woolner was put clean through, Richard Lazell with his fourth conversion.

Bridport started the second half determined to add to their score but whilst clean breaks were made some handling errors were creeping in to their game and they were not able to capitalise on the territory and as the game wore on they had more defending to do.

Eventually good handling by the Oakmedians backs gave them a try in the corner that was not converted. A series of penalties saw both sides exchanging territory in midfield and after scrappy play in the Blues 22, Oakmedians scored down the left which was converted to complete the scoring.

Bridport remain third in the table and, with Dorset Dockers out of the league, Bridport's final game will now be at home to Bournemouth 4ths on April 22nd when they will need only a draw to finish third.

Big away win for in-from youngsters**Wimborne U11 1 Bridport 12**

THE last time these two sides met Bridport were thoroughly outclassed, and so, despite Wimborne missing some of their star players, this away fixture was likely to be a stiff challenge.

All credit then to the young Blues who turned the formbook on its head and ran away with a comfortable victory.

After a rather under-achieving season the team has suddenly come good, with every player showing a marked improvement, both in skill levels and commitment.

Again the virtues of a solid defence were illustrated as Wimborne were unable to build any attacking momentum, and from their errors Bridport regained possession time and time again. Tackler of the Week, Charlie Brake, was central to the host's discomfort.

Once in possession it was good to see Bridport keeping the moves alive, supporting well and recycling quickly.

With confidence high, tries followed thick and fast through Barney Johnson (4), Patrick May (2), Charlie Brake (2), Abi Alner, Dom Burdett, Player of the Day Henry Everitt and Daniel James.

Bridport Golf

BY PETER CROWTER

Hansford cut by two after Medal victory**THE Men's Sunday competition**

saw 56 entrants for the April Medal.

The fine conditions produced some good scores and there were six cards turned in with sub-70 nett scores.

Results; Division One - 1st Barry O'Mahoney 78-9=69, 2nd Marc Harwood 82-11=71, 3rd Mike Savage 79-7=2.

Division Two; 1st Martin Drennan 82-13=69, 2nd (acb) Bryn Dare 86-16=70, 3rd

Doug Miners 83-13=70.

Division Three; 1st (acb) Richard Hansford 94-28=66, 2nd Anthony Lovelace 86-20=66, 3rd Duncan Jones 91-23=68.

Hansford received a two shot handicap cut. Lovelace, Jones and Robin Ormsby (who came fourth in Division Three with a nett 69) were all cut by one.

Fifty eight **veterans'** took part in the annual Stableford

on Thursday to raise money

for the Prostate Charity. The players paid a £5 entry fee and were asked to bring a bottle for the raffle. Weather conditions were good though some greens were tricky due to being top-dressed.

Results; Division One – 1st Richard Fox(19) 39 points, 2nd Dougie Howells(19) 38, 3rd George Brown(11) 37, 4th (acb) Malcolm Noble(18) 36.

Division Two - 1st Dudley Rose(27) 39, 2nd Graham

Topp(23) 37, 3rd Dave Smith(23) 35, 4th (acb) Brian Osborne(24) 33.

The event raised the excellent sum of £714.

Last Saturday saw the **Ladies** playing a qualifying Stableford when the winner in the club house was Liz Walker carding 31 points, second was Jane White on 27 and third was Judy Walter with 25.

Tuesday saw a non-qualifying Stableford played over the front nine twice, this was due

to the green staff hollow tining the back nine.

Although the fairways and the greens were tricky due to the maintenance that occurred the day before, some impressive were recorded.

Jane White came in first with an amazing 40 points, Janie Dowling managed 38, Pat Baldwin 37, Lyn Jessopp 34 and the last of the prize winners was Sally Woolming-ton on 33.

Bridport Bowls**History beckons for Bridport Men**

BRIDPORT & West Dorset Bowls Club's Men's Over 60's team travel to the Dolphin (Poole) on Sunday in their quest to pick up the first piece of silverware in the Club's 44 year history at this level.

The early ends of this county final will be vital as they adjust to the much faster pace of the Dolphin green against home opposition.

Meanwhile Bridport's Mixed Friendlies side completed their fixtures by beating visiting Dorchester 74-60.

Sylvia Fletcher, Les Heath, Robin Pither & Phil Hedges were on great form as they took top rink award 24-8, winning an amazing 13 of the 21 ends by just one shot.

Robert Fifield, Nova Varney, David Aylott & Mike Fletcher had a real battle and had to come back from 6-9 down to lead 11-10 after 15 ends, before finally pulling away to win 18-11.

Penny Pither, Peter Varney, Brian Pratt & Mel Hargett also had a strong finish to win 21-12; Hargett on great form here.

Sue Jenkins, John Boxall, Roy Nicoll & Margaret Fifield went 5-1 up early on but the Dorchester skip was on fire for the rest of the match, to leave the Bridport quartet beaten 11-29.

But the overall bragging rights must go to Dorchester though as they won the previous three matches to take the series 3-1, with everyone looking forward to the four match summer series.

Lyme Regis Pool

Table	Pld	Pts
Pot Nots	14	33
Wozo's Warriors	13	33
Smack the Rack	15	28
Hunters Hot Pots	13	27
Drunken Sailors	13	19
Old Cobblers	14	18
Nags Head Trotters	14	15
Real Talbot	14	6
Ranger & Friends	12	2

Lyme Regis darts

Current table	Pld	Pts
Clockadoodledo	21	35
Rousdon Club	17	34
Nags Head A	16	29
Nags Z	18	21
Rock Point A	13	20
Hunters Lodge	18	18
Royal Standard	18	14
Four Play	16	13
Talbot Arms	17	11
Cobb Arms	16	10
Jammers	17	7
Half an Octopus	20	6
See you Next Thurs	13	2

180s: R.Cross & T.Prowse both 7, T.Young 5, B.Grainger 4, T.Bond, D.Herbert, G.Knight & R.Powell all 3, R.Coombe 2, 17 players x1.

Beam & Brid Pool

Final table	Pld	Pts
Kingzman	18	112
Pooligans	18	101
Ringers	18	99
We Need Help	18	87
Longshots	18	96
Pocket Rockets	18	96
Brake Failures	18	88
Heads Up	18	87
Bradpole Club	18	76
Nothing Like Us	18	50



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Magpies begin to show their mettle

Dorchester Town 2 Hitchin Town 2

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DORCHESTER Town showed signs that they are beginning to gel under Craig Laird after an anxious honeymoon period since taking over at the start of the year.

The Magpies recovered from a two goal half time deficit to take a fourth point from promotion hopefuls Hitchin Town at the Avenue on Saturday.

Having snatched a 1-0 victory in Hertfordshire in February, the Magpies were under no illusions how tough it would be and, despite matching the visitors for much of the first half, it was the Canaries dressing room that was singing at the interval as they poached a two-goal lead.

Gary Bowles, having recovered from a fractured ankle, was back to boost the defence whilst loanee Jordan Williams also returned.

Hitchin took the lead on 12 minutes when Jonny McNamara's cross was weighted perfectly for Matt Lench to head

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back over Shane Murphy.

Dorchester fell two behind on 33 minutes when Kane Smith's cut back from the by-line found Callum Donnelly whose volley appeared to be going wide until two Dorchester defenders got in each other's way and the ball went in off Toby Down's chest.

In recent weeks the Magpies might have capitulated, but they came out fighting in the second half.

They pulled a goal back on 54 minutes when Blair outmuscled Will Wright before crossing to the edge of the six-yard area for the intrushing Ormrod. Keeper Michael Johnson, distracted by the striker's run, missed the ball completely and it struck the covering Ben Walster's chest and bounced over the line.

This increased the tempo, with Dorch-

ester looking for an equaliser and Hitchin hoping to secure the game on the break.

Eventually it was the Magpies that earned the point with a delightful goal from Neil Martin on 81 minutes. Kyle Egan's cross just eluded Ollie Griggs and Jake Mawford, but ran to Martin who took his time before sweetly striking a rising ball just inside the right hand post from the edge of the area.

It was no more than Dorchester deserved. Manager Laird was delighted with his charges performance, and likened it to the start of spring with new shoots beginning to grow.

"Things are slowly starting to come together. The players showed a lot of character to get back in into a game. To take four points off a top side is very encouraging.

"We were well organised and looked a strong unit. We are fitter, had strength and pace in good areas and beginning to look very good defensively - there were a lot of positives to take from the game."

Laird was delighted by the return of

Bowles who played for over 70 minutes before being substituted.

"His experience is immense, but we need to manage his injury and fitness to ensure a smooth return."

The county town boss has also confirmed that 18-year-old Tom Blair had extended his current two year contract by another year which will keep him at The Avenue until 2019.

"It's a good deal for him and for us. It gives Tom the opportunity to secure his place at Dorchester whilst giving us the chance to secure our better younger players.

"He's a good lad, has a great future in the game and he's improving every game - it's a reward for him after all the hard work that he's been putting in, so we're really pleased.

"Like every manager, I want to keep our best players because we want to win trophies and get promotions, Tom certainly fits that bill."



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